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# DESCRIPTION OF CORTLAND,

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BY JAMES M. MILNE.

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**C**ORTLAND, the county seat of Cortland county, although a village in name, is a city in size, in public spirit and acquired advantages. It is situated in the beautiful valley of the Tioughnioga (bank of flowers) at nearly equal distances from Syracuse and Binghamton. At an elevation of 1,129 feet above sea level, on a fertile plain formed by the

tem large enough to meet the demands of a constantly increasing population, of gas and electric plants with ample capacity for power and for illuminating purposes.

The fine broad streets of Cortland give ample evidence of the generosity and wisdom of their projectors and the wide stretch of fine asphalt pavement embracing nearly all the prominent streets gives equal evidence of the public spirit, pride and



Photo by Hyatt.

MAIN STREET, NORTH FROM COURT STREET.

confluence of seven valleys, framed by ranges of hills and ridges, which are pierced here and there by rich valleys, Cortland sits crowned with rare salubrity of climate and surrounded by a wealth of scenery of varied and surpassing beauty. The physical contour of the surrounding country makes Cortland the natural trading center of a large district. Through five of its valleys are stretched railroads and two of the adjoining villages are bound to it by an excellent electric trolley system. Cortland boasts of excellent waterworks and an abundant supply of pure spring water, of a finely constructed sewer sys-

tem large enough to meet the demands of a constantly increasing population, of gas and electric plants with ample capacity for power and for illuminating purposes.

We venture the assertion that no village of the size of Cortland can be found having such extensive asphalt paved streets, and with so uniformly fine houses and where so many residents own their own homes. In Cortland are found no tenement houses. In fact there are no poor districts, but everywhere are cheery, well kept and attractive homes. While Cortland stands confessed a great center of flourishing manufactories and an excellent mart of trade it is also a city of beautiful homes. If, as Victor Hugo says, homes are like the people that dwell in them, then the

homes of Cortland stand as witnesses of a people of rare enterprise and thrift, of commanding civic pride and high public spirit. Although Cortland is a city of business and its upbuilding has been the creation of business ventures and enterprises, at no time in its history has the purely mercenary spirit possessed it. Nor have its better impulses ever been touched by the blight of wealth in the hands of ignorant self-seeking men aiming either to rule or ruin. On the contrary the people of Cortland have maintained to a marked degree their business, social and political independence. They have had a lofty and just pride in their well filled churches, in their magnificent schools and in the number and excellence of their civic, social and literary organizations. As a manufacturing center Cortland possesses peculiar advantages and has many inducements yet to offer and not the least of these is the large available building space yet remaining, bordering the lines of railroad. Hawthorne says that if cities were built by the sound of music, then some edifices would appear to be constructed by grave, solemn tones, others to have danced forth to light fantastic airs.

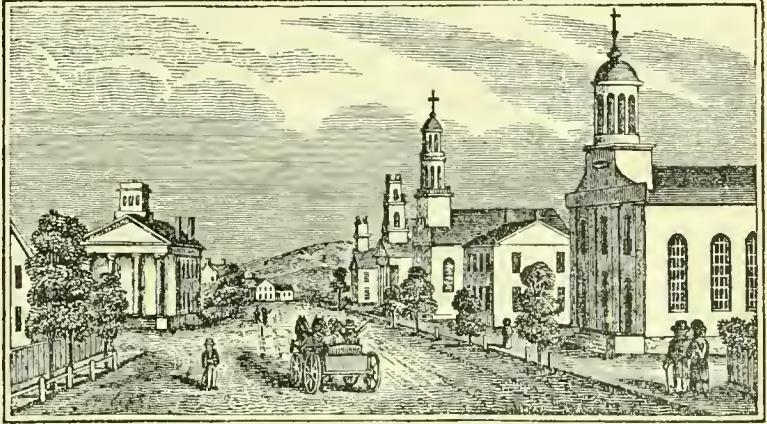
Were Cortland's edifices the creation of "the happy art" and their form and feature written out in time and tune, it would soon be discovered that the musical tones of the grace and harmony were in verity but the visible tones of ringing saw and rushing plane and the rousing chorus of the anvil and the loom.

## HISTORICAL OF CORTLAND.

BY JAMES M. MILNE.



ON APRIL 8, 1808, by an act of the legislature, four whole and two half townships were taken from the southern part of Onondaga county and formed into a



PUBLIC BUILDINGS, CORTLAND, 1846. From "Standard Industrial Edition."

new county, which was named Courtlandt, in honor of General Pierre Van Courtlandt, the first lieutenant governor of the state of New York. The town of Cortlandville constituted the southern part of the town of Homer until April 11, 1829. Obviously the earliest settlements of what is now known as Cortland county are found written in the early settlements of Onondaga county, just as the early history of what is now the town of Cortlandville is



COURT, CORNER CHURCH STREET, 1840.

"Standard Industrial Edition."

merged in the early history of the town of Homer. The earliest white settlers within the present limits of Cortland county were Joseph Beebe, his wife, and Amos Todd, her brother. In 1791 they reared a rude primitive structure in the primeval forest on the banks of Tioughnioga in the town of Homer, at a point on the main road immediately north the present village of Homer. The first white settlers within the present limits of the town of Cortlandville were John Miller and family, who in 1792, erected a rude hut where now the great willow tree stands in front of the old Mason Loring place near the county house. The settlement of the town of Homer, at first slow, was subsequently rapid in its development. Although in 1793 only six families had settled in the town, in 1797 the number of inhabitants had increased to 92 and the census report of 1810 shows the population of the town of Homer to be 2975. The internal improvements and developments of

not built till 1819 and was a quaint one-story brick structure on the site of the present county clerk's office. During the year 1816-17 there was a bitter strife involving the whole county in a controversy over locating the site of the county jail in the village of Homer. This was regarded by those opposing the proposition as an initial step in the development of a scheme to change the location of the county seat to Homer. A site for the jail was finally chosen near the court house on Court House hill, and the jail building was erected the following year.

In 1829 the town of Cortlandville was formed from the southern half of the town of Homer. The original boundaries of Cortlandville remained unchanged until 1845. In that year, and the following, additions were made to it from the town of Virgil. In 1836 a new court house was built and still stands, with subsequent additions, on the corner of Church and Court streets. On



MAIN, S. E. CORNER CLINTON AVENUE, 1866.

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the town seem to have kept pace with the increasing population. As early as 1798 a schoolhouse had been built and a school opened with Joshua Ballard as teacher. In the same year a gristmill was erected, thus establishing the first trade center in the county. In 1801 two religious societies were organized, the Baptist and the Congregational. In 1808 a medical society was formed. The year 1810 was a red letter year. In that year Ephraim Fish represented Cortland county as the first member of assembly in the legislature of the state. In that year John Keep was appointed the first county judge, and in that year, after a bitter struggle on the part of Homer village, Port Watson and the village of Cortland, the site for the court house was chosen on a place now known as Court House hill in the village of Cortland, thus settling the question that the part of Homer township known as the village of Cortland should be the county seat.

Besides these important events the year 1810 witnessed the establishment of the Cortland Courier, the first newspaper published in the county. Although a county clerk had been appointed as early as 1808, the first county clerk's office was

the site of the old county clerk's office a new structure was erected in 1876, as county clerk and surrogate's office. Nov. 5, 1853, the village of Cortland was incorporated and in 1864 was re-chartered by an act of legislature.

The people of Cortland have always shown a warm interest in the cause of general and higher education. Ten years before the separation of Cortlandville from the town of Homer, the Cortland academy—now Homer academy and Union school—was chartered, and for many years was maintained at private expense and at great sacrifice but with generous liberality. One year before the separation of the towns there was founded in the village of Cortland, the Cortland Village Female seminary, which maintained high rank and exerted a wide influence. The building in which the seminary was held was located on a beautiful lot facing Main street and back of the present line of the Wallace building and Taylor Hall block.

The first schoolhouse in Cortlandville stood on part of the site now occupied by the Messenger House.

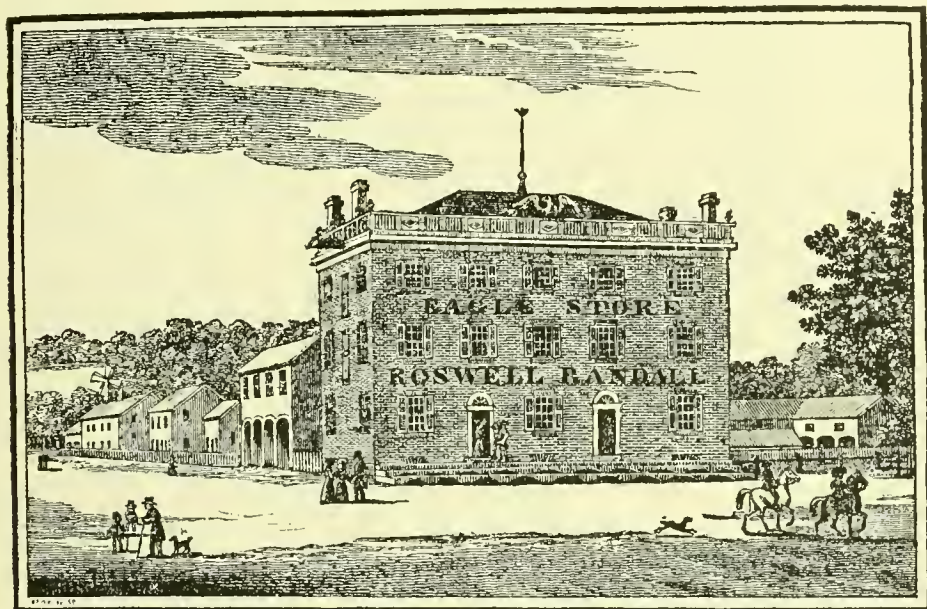
In 1816 a school building was erected on a site

now forming part of the Normal school ground almost directly in the rear of where the soldiers' monument stands. In this building a few years later was carried on a "Classical School for Young Men," corresponding in character and influence to the Cortland Female Seminary, both of which institutions were merged into the Cortlandville academy, which was incorporated in 1842. The Cortlandville academy was conducted in the building of the "Classical School for Young Men," with material and extensive additions thereto. During its history it was a marked success and reached high name and fame among the excellent academies of the state. Its existence terminated on the establishment of the State Normal school in Cortland. On Dec. 11, 1866, by an almost unanimous vote—only ten dissenting votes—the people of Cortland voted to the state \$75,000 for the erection and equipment of a Normal school in the village. Subsequent gifts to the state for

tion stands as a lasting memorial of heroic endeavor and of grateful remembrance.

Cortland, as has been noted, is rich in manufacturing industries. Conspicuous among the great industrial interests of Cortland are the immense works of the Cortland Wagon company, and the extensive wire factories of the Wickwire Brothers. The last quarter of a century has seen these great establishments developed from small beginnings until to-day, in the quality and quantity of their outputs they are recognized among the leaders in the trade of the world.

To the following pages of the Souvenir is relegated the general and special description of the institutions, professions and organizations of Cortland. Enough, certainly, has been noted in historical description of things past to form a torch for lighting up the possible growth and achievements of Cortland and her citizens in the coming years.



MAIN, CORNER TOMPKINS STREET, 1820.

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the benefit of the Normal school increased the amount to nearly \$100,000.

The present village school system was established in 1880 by an act of the legislature, and ward school buildings were immediately erected and the excellent system was completed by the erection of the present High School building in 1892.

The history of the Cortland Fire department, second to none in efficiency, dates from June 5, 1854, when the first village fire company was formed. Among the members of the fire companies have been the most prominent citizens of Cortland. In 1875 was built the present handsome and convenient engine house and in 1876 was purchased a steam fire engine.

Cortland village holds a proud place in the military history of the county, which during the War of the Rebellion, sent out to the Union army the 76th regiment, four companies of the 157th regiment and three companies of the 185th regiment of N. Y. S. V., and 233 of whose sons died on the field of honor. The beautiful soldiers' monument erected in 1876 by popular subscrip-

**The First Baptist Church** was organized April 24, 1801, as the Homer Baptist church, at a meeting held at the home of Asahell Minor. On May 13 of the same year, a meeting was held at the home of E. Bishop, and three new members were received, John Morse, Mary Bishop, and Rhoda Beebe. On Aug. 28 the following resolution was passed: "Voted that we consider ourselves a church of Christ, and act accordingly," and on Oct. 3 a council was called and the church was recognized as a Baptist church. On Aug. 24, 1802, the church voted to join the Otsego association, and Thomas Keep and Peleg Babcock were appointed the first messengers to the association. When the Madison association was formed the church joined this association and remained here until the Cortland association was formed in 1823, when the church joined this association, the first meeting of which was held at Fabius, Sept. 11 and 12, 1823. The first house of worship of this church was located where Fitz avenue and Homer avenue intersect. This house was sold to the Wes-

leyan Methodists, who moved it to Blodgett Mills, where it was used by that society until June 4, 1890, when the First Wesleyan Methodist church of Blodgett Mills became the First Baptist church and the old meeting house with its modern improvements was again in the Baptist denomination. The church was first permitted only to have preaching occasionally. On June 19, 1802, the church voted to "support the gospel by equality" and two brethren were appointed to make out the first assessment upon the members which was as follows: Peleg Babcock,



Photo by Butler.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

\$2.08; John Keep, \$2.36; Joseph Beebe, 76 cts.; Cornish Messenger, 77 cts.; Daniel Crandal, 59 cts.; Roderick Beebe, 33 cts.; James H. Wheeler, 13 cts. On March 23, 1802, the church voted to meet at Tully one-quarter of the time. On Nov. 19, 1803, the following resolution was passed: "Voted, to invite Elder Lesner to preach with us once in two months, beginning the first of October last."

However, it was not until 1807 that the church had a regular pastor, the Rev. Alfred Bennett, who united with the church by letter, April 29, 1804, and was licensed to preach by the church,

March 15, 1806, being called to the pastorate Feb. 14, 1807, and ordained June 18, 1807. The church was incorporated at Albany, June 8, 1810, as the First Baptist Society of the Town of Homer. On Dec. 8, 1830, the name of the church was changed to the First Baptist Church and Society of the Town of Cortlandville. The church has had quite an ancestral record. On Oct. 19, 1805, it voted letters to its Virgil brethren to form the Virgil Baptist church and on April 14, 1827, letters were granted to 34 members to form the Second Baptist Church of the Town of Homer, now the First Baptist Church of McGraw. On April

18, 1827, letters were granted to twenty-five members to form the Homer village church, which is now the First Baptist Church of Homer, and on Nov. 5, 1896, the church voted letters to thirty-five of its members to become constituent members of the Memorial Baptist Church of Cortland. In 1831, the church voted to build a new meeting house on Chapel (now Church street), which was constructed the following year, the contract price being \$3,000.00. This was the old church that stood upon the present site, the northeast corner of Church and Railroad streets. In 1871 the church again voted to build a new house of worship and the following building committee was appointed: Chauncey Keator, H. C. Smith, E. A. Fish, Samuel Freeman, J. S. Squires, J. L. Gillett, T. M. Loring, G. N. Copeland, E. P. Slafter, Joseph Kinney and N. Chamberlain, and as a result of this movement the present building was erected. The following pastors have served the church: Rev. Alfred Bennett, 1807-1828; Rev. Peleg Card, 1828-1830; Rev. Alfred Gates, 1830-1831; Rev. Nathan Peck, 1831-1834; Rev. Zenas Freeman, 1834-1837; Rev. O. Montague, 1837-1839; Rev. J. P. Simmons, 1841-1851; Rev. Henry Bowen, 1851-1861; Rev. Thos. Goodwin, 1861-1863; Rev. A. Wilkins, 1863-1869; Rev. Wm. N. Tower, 1870-1873; Rev.

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Wm. M. Kincaid, 1874-1877; Rev. L. J. Mattison, D. D., 1878-1878; Rev. H. S. Westgate, 1878-1880; Rev. J. W. Putnam, 1880-1885; Rev. H. A. Cordo, D. D., 1885-1895; Rev. A. Chapman, 1895-1899; Rev. W. Jasper Howell, 1899—. At the last Association the church reported a membership of 612. The church is now in a prosperous condition and the outlook was never brighter.—BY ASA STARR.

**Rev. W. Jasper Howell**, pastor of First Baptist church, was born in Washington County, Nebraska, in December, 1870. His father was a farmer and was a native of North Carolina. His

mother was a Virginian. In 1880 his parents moved to Lenoir, N. C., where they still reside. In 1890 he entered as a student a Presbyterian college in East Tennessee, the Greenville and Tusculum college. This is the second oldest college in the state. During a college revival in February, 1890, he was converted and later he was a traveling salesman for some time. This proved a valuable experience, as did also his varied services as a teacher in the schools. On Jan. 4, 1891, he was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Greenville, Tenn., by the Rev. Oscar Haywood, now pastor at Jackson, Tenn., and was licensed to preach by the Greenville church in

victions and sympathies have found their expression from time to time. He has had some successful pastorates: Franklinton, N. C., Dalton, N. Y., and Irondequoit, N. Y. His theological course was taken in Rochester Theological seminary, graduating in May, 1899. In June he entered with bright prospects upon the labors of his pastorate in this city.

**Y. P. S. C. E.**—In 1885 the young people of the First Baptist church organized a society called the Young People's association which was changed to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Oct. 12, 1886. For nearly three years, from June



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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—THE LOCAL BOARD —[See Key P. 11.]

August, 1891. In the same month he entered Wake Forest college, North Carolina, and 1893 was called to the pastorate of the Jonesboro, Tenn., church. This was one of the largest and most important churches in that section of the state. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the Greenville church November, 1893. In August, 1894, his resignation was accepted which enabled him to finish his course in Wake Forest college, from which institution he was graduated in 1896, being the orator of his college society. The theme of the oration was "Christian and Patriotic Citizenship." In temperance work, in Y. M. C. A. work and as a lecturer on popular themes, Rev. Mr. Howell's con-

30, 1889, to April 13, 1892, the society reverted to nearly its original form, calling itself the Young People's society. On the latter date it again adopted the constitution and pledge of the Christian Endeavor society, and since then has faithfully adhered to them. The society has materially assisted the church. Among many things, it has contributed liberally toward an old church debt, furnished the Sunday-school room with a carpet and piano, and provided a water motor for the pipe organ. It has sent aid to a theological student in this country and to a boys' school in China, it has furnished a room in the theological seminary at Hamilton, N. Y., and since 1895 has paid the traveling expenses of a native Burman evangelist.

## THE CORTLAND NORMAL SCHOOL.

BY MISS M. F. HENDRICK.

Was established under the provisions of an act of the State legislature passed in 1866. By that act a commission was appointed to receive proposals with reference to the establishment of State Normal schools from local authorities throughout the state, and to accept not more than four of the proposals so made. By energetic ef-

department, to which residents of Cortland might be admitted without taking upon themselves the obligation to teach. The property was accepted by the State and a local board appointed in December of 1868, and the first term of the school began in March of 1869. The original building served the purposes of the school until 1891, when the legislature appropriated \$55,800 for a new building and \$16,000 for the renovation of the old building. Other special appropriations



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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—THE FACULTY.—[See Key P. 10.]

forts and liberal pledges on the part of the people of the village, Cortland secured one of these four Normal schools. Land was acquired and a building erected at a cost to the village of a little less than \$100,000. To this was added the land and other property of the Cortlandville academy, which for a quarter of a century had done good educational service in the community and which was at that time given up under the agreement that the State should always maintain in connection with the Normal school an academic

for the buildings and grounds, both before and since that date, have raised the total investment of village and state in the plant of the school to nearly \$270,000. The grounds contain four acres. They are well laid out and planted mainly with elms. The main entrance to the grounds is from Church street, which from the early days of the village was designed to be, as in dimensions and appearance it is, a public park. The rows of elms on the greens bordering the street are of nearly a century's growth. Five of the churches of the

village stand in almost consecutive order on either side of the Normal grounds, facing the street, and by their appropriate architecture add to the attractiveness of the place.

The Normal buildings are of brick. They have a total length of 350 feet and a greatest width of 130 feet. They contain on all floors very nearly two acres of floor room devoted to the purposes of the school. The new building is occupied exclusively by the Normal department while the laboratories and science rooms of that department are on the third floor of the old building. The first floor of the old building is occupied by the kindergarten and primary department of the training school, and the second by the intermediate department. The heating throughout is by a combined steam and hot air system. The heating apparatus is in a separate building, near the main building.

Dec. 16, 1868, the first term beginning March 3, 1869. The members of the board were, as they have ever since been, among the leading citizens of Cortland, some of them being men of prominence in the state. They were ex-Secretary of State Henry S. Randall; R. Holland Duell, ex-Member of Congress, ex-Commissioner of Patents and Judge of Cortland County; Frederick Hyde, M. D., one of the leading members of his profession in Central New York; ex-Secretary of State Horatio Ballard; Henry Brewer, a prominent merchant of Cortland; Charles C. Taylor, Norman Chamberlain, Arnold Stafford and William S. Newkirk, prominent business men. Mr. Randall was chosen the first chairman of the board, Judge Duell the secretary and Mr. Taylor the treasurer at the first meeting, which was held Dec. 19, 1868. At the second meeting the following persons were appointed to constitute the first faculty of the school:



Photo by Harris. THE NORMAL SCHOOL—VIEW FROM GREENBUSH STREET.

The furniture is all modern, different in the different departments according to the needs of the department, and the preference of the instructor. Liberal provision has been made throughout the school for maps, models, and illustrative apparatus. The chemical and physical laboratories are fitted for the purpose of offering individual instruction to students. Each has desks and apparatus for sixty students. The reference library contains about 8,000 volumes. A large room, one of the best lighted and most easily heated in the building, is given up to it and is furnished with tables and chairs to serve as a place for reading and investigation. The science and methods libraries are separate collections in their own rooms. The gymnasium is a large room, 95 x 50 feet, well equipped for work and training. The system of physical training used is the Swedish.

#### First Local Board.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. A. B. Weaver, appointed the first local board

#### First Faculty.

JAMES H. HOOSE, Principal; Metaphysics and Didactics.

NORMAN F. WRIGHT, Ancient Languages.

FRANK S. CAPEN, Mathematics.

THOMAS B. STOWELL, Natural Sciences.

MARTHA ROE, Superintendent Training School; Methods.

MRS. HELEN E. M. BABCOCK, History, Rhetoric, Geography.

MARIANNE BATES, Vocal Music.

MRS. LEMOYNE A. HOOSE, Drawing.

HELEN K. HUBBARD, Principal and Critic in Intermediate Department.

MARGARET HUNTER, Principal and Critic in Primary Department.

CHARLES A. FOWLER, Assistant in Intermediate Department.

The attendance during the first twenty weeks of school was as follows: In the Normal school, 57; training school, viz.: Academic department, 18; intermediate department, 241; primary depart-

ment, 267; total, 526; grand total, 583. The course of study adopted at the opening of the school was the same as that then in force at the Brockport Normal school. Subsequently a uniform course was prepared and adopted by the Normal schools at Cortland, Oswego, Brockport, Potsdam and Fredonia.

The growth of the school is well shown by the following figures: Total number of pupils enrolled for the school year 1898-9, 1,154; average attendance 1,000; number of graduates 110—16 men and 94 women. The whole number of graduates from the beginning, 1,458—men, 276; women, 1182.

Death has claimed all of the original members of the local board, Mr. Henry Brewer being the latest survivor. With this executive body are associated twenty of Cortland's prominent men. The success of the school, its equipments in every

name of the author, the title of the book, the subject, and in many instances the essential features of a table of contents are given in a catalogue after the manner of the Dewey card system. The library is open at all hours when the school is in session and for six hours on Saturday. Much effort is expended in promoting the intelligent use of the library by the students. Lists of books desirable in starting individual libraries are frequently given as well as the mention of special books that are desirable for a specialist. At almost any time when the library is open, from forty to a hundred students may be seen in it hard at work at the books.

The interest of the teachers in the social life and general culture of the students manifests itself in their helpful attention to the work of the literary societies.



Photo by Harris.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL—VIEW FROM CHURCH STREET.

department, particularly its fine library, is the best testimonial to the faithfulness and energy of those who have so generously given their time and influence to its advancement. First chairman of the local board was Hon. Henry S. Randall, chosen, March 3, 1869; the second, Dr. Frederick Hyde, chosen Aug. 15, 1876; the third, Hon. R. H. Duell, Oct. 24, 1887; the fourth, Hon. William H. Clark, June 8, 1891. Mr. Clark still holds the office. Mr. R. Bruce Smith and Col. James C. Carmichael have been prominently associated with this executive body.

Much thought and time have been devoted to the formation of a library that should be representative not only of the technical work of a Normal school, but also of a broad culture. All barriers have been taken down and students have direct access to the shelves. The catalogue is with special reference to use by students. The

There are five literary societies connected with the school: Delphic Fraternity; the Gamma Sigma—Delta Chapter; The Corlonor—Alpha Chapter; The Clonion—Delta Chapter; and The Alpha Delta—Delta Chapter. The two former are for young men, the three latter for young women. These societies are each large and vigorous. Each has a large and pleasant room appropriately fitted up by its members, where weekly meetings are held for the purpose of the individual improvement of its members in parliamentary practice, discussion and literary culture.

#### Present Faculty.

[N. B.—The numbers are key to portrait, page 8.]

FRANCIS J. CHENEY, Principal; Psychology and Philosophy of Education. (1)

J. EDWARD BANTA, Latin and Greek. (2)

WILLIAM A. CORNISH, Mathematics. (3)

WILLIAM M. BOOTH, Natural Sciences. (4)

MARIA W. BISHOP, Methods and Superintendent of Schools of Practice. (11)

MARY F. HENDRICK, Rhetoric, Reading, Elocution and English Literature. (5)

CLARA E. BOOTH, Physical Geography, French and German. (7)

HARRIET A. HAMILTON, History, English and Civics. (No picture.)

HELEN M. GOODHUE, Industrial Drawing. (No picture.)

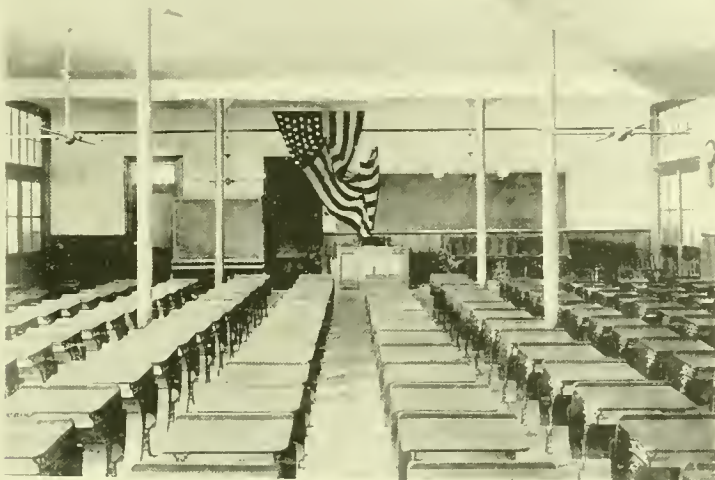
MIRIAM S. SKIDMORE, Principal and Critic in Primary Department. (14)

ELLA GALE, Methods and Critic in Primary Department. (16)

EMILY C. ORMSBY, Methods and Critic in Primary and Intermediate Departments. (13)

LILLIE H. STONE, Kindergarten. (17)

BERTHA HILL, Assistant Kindergartner. (No picture.)



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C. MONELL CURRY, Latin and Science. (10)  
MINNIE M. ALGER, Vocal Music and Methods in Music. (12)

ELIZABETH M. WRIGHT, Gymnastics and Criticisms. (15)

AMIE A. RATHBUN, Office Clerk and Book-keeping. (9)

THOMAS J. McEVOY, Principal and Critic in Intermediate Department. (8)

HELEN E. GRIFFIN, Methods and Critic in Intermediate Department. (19)

MARION GOODHUE, teaching in absence of her sister Helen. (18)

#### Present Local Board.

[N. B.—Numbers are key to portraits, page 7.]

WM. H. CLARK, Chairman. (1)

T. H. WICKWIRE, Secretary. (2)

L. J. FITZGERALD, Treasurer. (3)

JAS. S. SQUIRES, (4) O. U. KELLOGG, (7)

HUGH DUFFEY, (5) SALEM HYDE, (8)

J. W. SUGGETT, (6) ISRAEL T. DEYO (9)

The following are the names of the members of



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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—CLASS IN DRAWING.

the faculty from the beginning of the school, with date of appointment: JAMES H. HOOSE, Principal, Mental Science and Philosophy of Education, March 3, 1869; NORMAN F. WRIGHT, Latin and Greek, March 3, 1869; THOMAS B. STOWELL, Natural Science, March 3, 1869; FRANK S. CAPEN, Mathematics, March 3, 1869; MARTHA ROE, Methods and Superintendent of Training School, March 3, 1869; MRS. MARTHA E. COUCH, Modern Languages, March 3, 1869; MRS. HELEN E. M. BABCOCK, History, Rhetoric, Geography until 1870, Modern Languages until July, 1872, March 3, 1869; MARIANNE BATES, Vocal Music, March

3, 1869; MRS. LEMOYNE A. HOOSE, Drawing, March 3, 1869; HELEN K. HUBBARD, Principal and Critic Intermediate Department, March 3, 1869; MARGARET HUNTER, Principal and Critic Primary Department, March 3, 1869; CHARLES A. FOWLER, Assistant Intermediate Department, March 3, 1869; MARY MORTON, Drawing, Sept. 8, 1869; MRS. O. S. DOUGLASS, Vocal Music, Sept. 8, 1869; MARY F. HALL, Critic Intermediate Department, Sept. 8, 1869; MRS. HELEN D. KENDELL, Critic Primary Department, Sept. 8, 1869; MARY F. HENDRICK, Reading, Elocution, Rhetoric, English Literature, Sept. 8, 1869;



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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—CLASS IN CHEMISTRY.

MARY MARSH, Vocal Music, Oct. 1, 1869; MRS. HELEN M. SMITH, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Feb. 16, 1870; AMANDA J. HOPKINS, Critic Intermediate Department until Sept. 24, 1873, then Principal and Critic same department, Aug. 1870; SARAH M. SUTTON, English Grammar and History, Sept. 14, 1870; MRS. THEODORE PERKINS, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Sept. 14, 1870; MARY E. LESTER, Principal and Critic Primary Department, January, 1871; JULIA H. WILLIS, Critic Primary Department, Feb. 15, 1871; JAMES H. SHULTS, Principal Academic Department until Sept. 1877; then Department of English, Physics and Greek, June, 1871; EMILY E. COLE, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Feb. 14, 1872; CLARA E. BOOTH, Modern Languages, Sept. 1872; MARY A. HUBBARD, Principal and Critic Intermediate Department, Jan. 1872; HELEN P. EELS, Critic Primary Department, Feb. 12, 1873; SARA A. SAUNDERS, Critic Primary Department, Sept. 3, 1873; HENRIETTA VAN NESS, Critic Pri-

Sept. 3, 1884; DAVID EUGENE SMITH, Mathematics, Sept. 3, 1884; IDA M. CROWELL, Critic Intermediate Department, Sept. 29, 1886; ARCHIBALD D. FREEMAN, English and Physical Culture, May, 1890; EDWARD D. BLODGETT, Latin and Greek, Sept. 4, 1889; CARRIE D. HALBERT, Vocal Music, Sept. 4, 1889; BERTHA E. JONES, Industrial Drawing, Sept. 4, 1889; HENRY MONTGOMERY, Natural Sciences, Sept. 4, 1889; MARIA W. BISHOP, Critic Intermediate Department, Sept. 1889; Methods, Sept. 1898; DARWIN L. BARDWELL, Sciences, May, 1890; FRANCIS J. CHENEY, Principal, 1891; WELLAND HENDRICK, Mathematics, 1891; MARGARET HOOKER, Drawing, 1891; THOMAS J. McEVVOY, Principal Intermediate Department, first appointment, Sept. 1891, reappointed 1897; MARY L. WEBSTER, English, Sept. 1891; CLARA J. ROBINSON, Methods, 1892; HELEN M. GOODHUE, Drawing, 1893; WILLIAM T. RAYMOND, Classics, 1892; MARY E. TROW, English, 1893; C. MONELL CURRY, Latin and Sciences, 1893; MINNIE M. ALGER, Music, 1893; GRACE K.



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mary Department, Sept. 24, 1873; M. AUZOLETTE DRAKE, Vocal Music and Drawing, Sept. 3, 1873; JAMES M. MILNE, Principal of Academic Department until June 27, 1876—in chair of Latin and Greek until June 18, 1899—began Sept. 3, 1873; MRS. E. P. HALBERT, Vocal Music and Drawing, Jan. 19, 1874; SAMUEL J. SORNBERGER, English Grammar and Geography and Physics, first appointment Feb. 1874, second Sept. 4, 1878; ELIZABETH RASE, Critic Intermediate Department until Sept. 2, 1874—then principal and critic, Sept. 6, 1876; MRS. LOTTIE T. CORLEW, Critic Intermediate Department, Sept. 1876; JAMES M. CASSETY, Principal, 1880-'81; GEORGE F. SAWYER, Science, 1880-'81; I. T. DEYO, Science, 1880-'81; MRS. MARY L. EASTMAN, Principal Primary Department, Jan. 1883; ELLEN J. PEARNE, Critic Intermediate Department until Sept. 3, 1884; then Principal and Critic, Sept. 6, 1882; MARY L. ROBERTS, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Feb. 14, 1883; JAMES W. BEARDSLEY, Critic Intermediate Department,

DUFFEY, Principal Intermediate Department, 1893; J. EDWARD BANTA, Classics, 1893; WILLIAM A. CORNISH, Mathematics, 1893; JULIA A. NORRIS, Physical Culture, 1895; MABEL C. HURD, English, 1895; ELLA GALE, Critic Primary Department, 1895; EMILY ORMSBY, Critic in Intermediate and Primary Departments, 1895; HARRIET A. HAMILTON, English, 1896; KATHARINE G. ATKINSON, Physical Culture, Sept. 1897; LILLIE H. STONE, Kindergarten, Sept. 1897; IDA M. SHAPER, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Sept. 1897; AMIE A. RATHBUN, Office Clerk and Book-keeping, Sept. 1898; MRS. ANNA M. NEWKIRK, Sept. 1898; WILLIAM M. BOOTH, Sciences, March 1898; MIRIAM S. SKIDMORE, Principal and Critic Primary Department, Sept. 1898; BERTHA HILL, Assistant Kindergartner, Sept. 1899; HELEN E. GRIFFIN, Methods and Critic Intermediate Department, Sept. 1899.

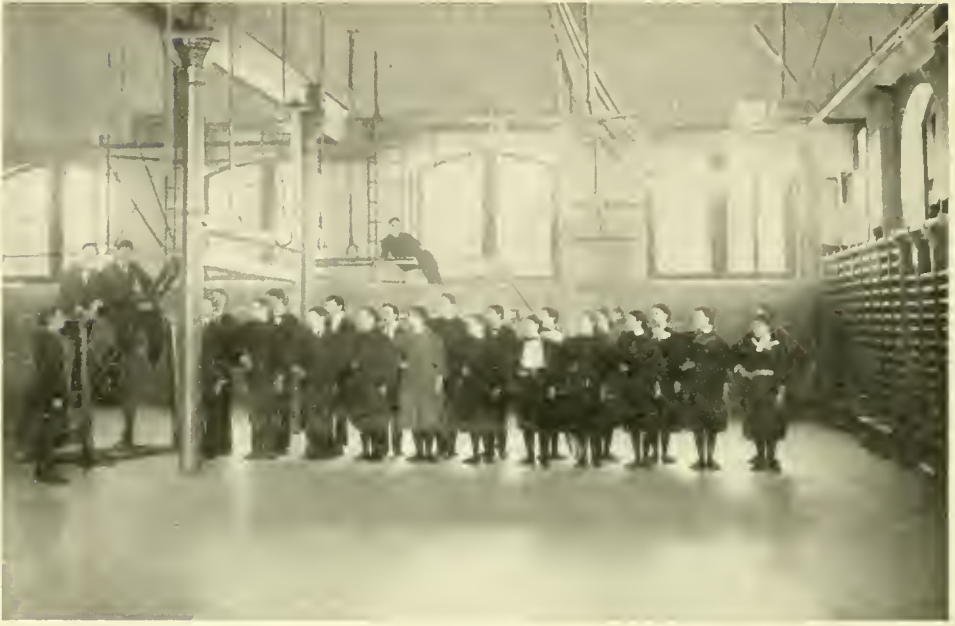


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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—CLASS IN GYMNASIUM.

**First Baptist Sunday-school** was organized in 1833 under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Freeman. Mr. Sanders, Mr. Stiles and Mr. Harvey Wood were among the early superintendents. In 1861 Deacon E. A. Fish was elected superintendent, which office he filled in a very satisfactory manner for twenty-five years. After Mr. Fish resigned, Prof. E. C. Cleaves was elected and his resignation after eight years of service was accepted with regret. Mr. Frank A. Phelps at the

end of three years resigned, and Mr. Miles J. Peck, chosen for the position, is still holding that important office with marked success. The school numbers at the present time 483, including 31 teachers and 17 officers. There is a large and interesting Baraca class, Dr. F. D. Reese, teacher, and the pastor, Rev. W. J. Howell, has recently organized a class of men which numbers nearly 50 members. Mrs. C. E. Harmon has been a faithful and eminently successful teacher in the



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THE NORMAL SCHOOL—CLASS IN DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE.



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school for the remarkable period of thirty consecutive years. Others have long been active workers in the school, among whom are Miss Robertson, Mrs. Slafter, Mrs. Beardsley, Mrs. Cleaves. The Home department is large and flourishing under the direction of Miss Ellen Terry. The primary department numbers 106, including 7 teachers and 2 officers, and is conducted by Mrs. A. D. Ellsworth. Mr. B. L. Bentley is pianist and Mr. J. B. Hunt chorister. The average attendance is good and the school in a prosperous condition.

**The Clionian Fraternity**—The first chapter of the Clionian Fraternity, the Alpha, was formed in 1872 at Geneseo. After the opening of the Oneonta Normal, at the suggestion of their principal, Dr. Milne, the young ladies wishing to form a literary society, wrote to Alpha Chapter, asking the privilege of becoming Beta Chapter of the Clionian Fraternity. The request was granted and the first step was thus taken toward forming a Normal School Fraternity. Chapters were added from time to time until at present they number seven—Alpha at Geneseo, Beta at Oneonta, Gamma at Cortland, Delta at Plattsburg, Epsilon at Jamaica, Zeta

at Mansfield, Penn., Eta at New Paltz. Gamma Chapter had existed for some time under the name of Athenæ, but in 1890 it took upon itself the vows of the Fraternity, and has since paid loyal tribute to the shrine of Clio. At present it has an active membership of thirty-seven with one hundred and eighteen alumnae. The work pursued is purely literary, and many devotees of Clio have come into closer touch with the best writers and thinkers of all ages through faithful study in this society. Meetings of the chapter



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"THE CLIONIAN" CLUB ROOM.



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## NORMAL FRATERNITY—"THE ALPHA DELTA"—[See Key P. 21.]

are held every Friday evening from 7 to 9:30. The first hour is a business meeting, the last hour and a half being devoted to literary study. At the end of each fall term, an entertainment is given to the public showing the nature of the work done during the year, and it is at this time that the young ladies may be seen proudly flourishing the "yellow and white," the club colors. They may also be identified by such yells as "Clionians! Clionians! Clionians are we! A-t-h-e-n-a-e!" The club pin is in the form of a letter C, set with pearls crossed by a band of gold,

containing the word, "Gamma." Funds are raised by the efforts of the members, and these are used for furnishing the clubroom and meeting other expenses.

**Alpha Delta**—Club motto, "Time shall our laurels make more green." Through the efforts of Miss Mary F. Hendrick, a member of the Normal faculty, the Delta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Sorority was organized in this school May 12, 1893. For one year the meetings were held in class room 106. Then through the kindness of the Local Board an apartment on the third floor became our permanent home. This room has been very pleasantly and artistically fitted up by the society, until with its piano, easy chairs and dainty tea table it presents the home-like air which is so highly appreciated by its members. The number of members at the first meeting was twenty-eight and the officers elected were as follows: President, Mary A. Winter; vice-president, Rachael D. Gilfillan; treasurer, Olive Landon; secretary, May F. Duffey. The line of work has included the study of English and American authors with now and then a debate. Several plays have been given and six club publics which have received



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## "THE ALPHA DELTA" CLUB ROOM.



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NORMAL FRATERNITY—"THE CORLONOR" [See Key P. 21.

very flattering commendation. The club membership is limited to forty, by the constitution. It has had one hundred and twenty members and fifty graduates. Many of these are now teaching with great success in our public schools. The last two years have shown a marked increase in interest along every line of work. The membership list is now up to the limit, and all are striving to make it the most successful year in the history of Alpha Delta Sorority. The club yell for 1899:

Whoop la ra! Whoop la re!  
 Boom-a-lak, Boom-a-lak,  
 Sol, Da, Se.  
 Wake up! Cheer up!  
 Ri, Ro, Re,  
 Alpha Delta Sorority!

**"Corlonor Fraternity"**—In the fall of 1878, several enthusiastic young ladies, students of the Cortland Normal school, established "The Ladies' Normal Debating Club," which was to meet one evening of each week for the purpose of studying parliamentary drill, and discussing literary, social and political questions. For thirteen years the society prospered, sending forth to life's work strong women, capable of forming and defending independent opinions. In the winter of '91 a common constitution was agreed upon

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with a delegation of ladies from the Buffalo Normal school and after much discussion it was decided to call the new fraternity the Corlonor. The first syllable, Cor, was derived from the word Cortland, the home of the Alpha Chapter; the second, lo, from Buffalo, the Beta Chapter; the third, nor, from the word Normal. During the early days of the Alpha Chapter, the meetings were necessarily held in the recitation rooms; but when the new Normal building was erected, the Local Board, recognizing the need of the rapidly growing society, generously offered the use of a large, pleasant room on the third floor, with the condition that it



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"THE CORLONOR" CLUB ROOM.



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NORMAL FRATERNITY—"THE GAMMA SIGMA."—[See Key P. 21.]

should be furnished by the young ladies themselves. Each term has witnessed the addition to the already comfortable apartment of many articles, both useful and ornamental, until it is now one of the most attractive rooms to be found in the building. Through all the years of its existence the Alpha Chapter has worked side by side with its brother society, formerly the Y. M. D. C., now Epsilon Chapter of the Delphic Fraternity, striving earnestly to help one another to attain to the highest possible type of true manhood and womanhood. Each term has witnessed a steady advancement, not only in its strength as a fraternity but in the individual improvement of its members. Each Cortland, always loyal to the Nile green and pink, is striving onward with her

noblest energies, ever mindful of her motto, "Ad Astra."

**Gamma Sigma**—The Delta Chapter of Gamma Sigma was formed from the old Normal Debating club Dec. 21, 1891. In September, 1870, Alton B. Parker, with eleven other Normal students formed the N. D. C. From this same N. D. C. started the Delta Chapter of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, with forty-two charter members. The first officers were: President, Sheerar; vice-president, Kales; secretary, Freeman; treasurer, Gibson; librarian, Call; critic, Van Etten. When the new Normal building was erected the Chapter moved from the old building to room 307 in the new building, which room it now occupies. The present active members are thirty-nine. The pres-

ent officers are: president, S. B. Howe; vice-president, B. Chappell; recording secretary, G. Tupper; corresponding secretary, Chas. Huntley; treasurer, M. Brown; marshal, W. West; critic, Jas. Beha.

**The Delphic Fraternity.**—The Young Men's Debating Club, which became the Epsilon Chapter of the Delphic Fraternity in June, 1899, boasts of being one of the oldest debating clubs in the United States. Its history goes back to 1842 when the Cortland academy was one of the leading educational institutions in this section of the State. The first constitution was drawn up by James S. Squires of this village, and for many



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"THE GAMMA SIGMA" CLUB ROOM.



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NORMAL FRATERNITY—"THE DELPHICS."—[See Key P. 21—Sketch P. 18.

years the membership was open to girls as well as boys. Under different names this society has maintained a distinctive rank, adapting its work to the educational and business requirements of the times. At present it supplements the regular work of the school, strengthens the bonds of friendship among its members, and endeavors to give some practical views of the broader problems of life.

**Woman's Foreign Missionary Circle**—At the Cortland Baptist association of 1879, held at Groton, Miss Susie Haswell, missionary in Burma, spoke about the work among the Burman women. Two ladies from Cortland, Mrs. J. L. Gillett and Mrs. E. P. Slafter, who were present, were much impressed by her words and they pledged each other to do all they could to organize a Foreign Missionary circle. As the result, March 30, 1880, the following ladies met in the parlors of the church and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary circle of the First Baptist church of Cortland: Mrs. Frank Capen, Mrs. J. L. Gillett, Mrs. E. P. Slafter, Mrs. E. P. Sumner, Mrs. Thomas Darby, Mrs. Oscar Purinton, Mrs. Randolph Beard, Mrs. G. W. Bradford, Mrs. Chauncey Keator, Mrs. Asa Gates, Mrs. Beman Conger, Mrs. Lewis Viele, Mrs. James W. Putnam, Mrs.

Lottie Corlew, Mrs. Norman Chamberlain, Miss Emily Cole. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. W. Putnam; vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Darby; secretary, Mrs. E. P. Slafter; treasurer, Miss Emily Cole. At the present report (1899) there are seventy contributors and eighteen life members, besides a "Farther Lights" circle and Mission band. The present officers are president, Mrs. R. Beard; first vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Gillett; second vice-president, Mrs. Frank Haskins; third vice-president, Mrs. E. C. Cleaves; secretary, Mrs. Garry Chambers; treasurer, Mrs. F. D. Reese.

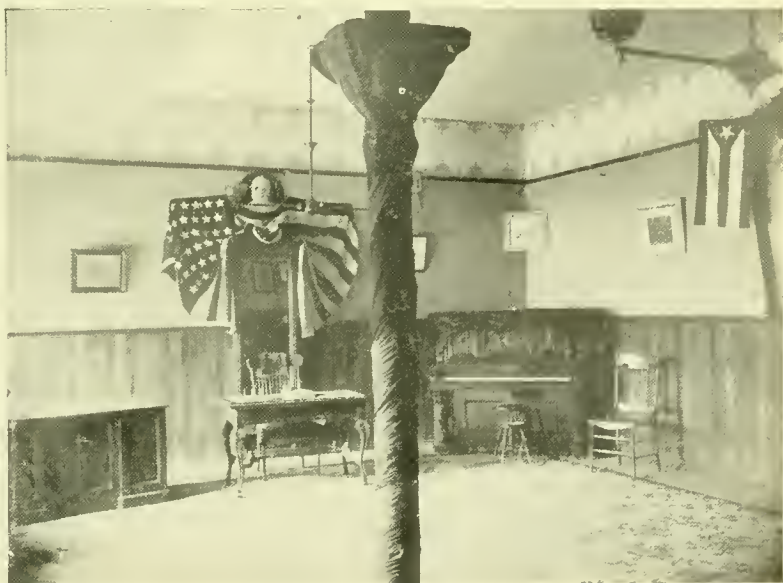


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"THE DELPHICS" CLUB ROOM.

**Normal Football**—Football was first played by the Normal students during the fall of 1893. In September of that year the first regular team was organized with Rufus Corlew as captain. The suits of the then recently disbanded Forty-fifth Separate Company were purchased. Four games were played, the Normals winning two of the four. In the fall of 1894 a number of new men appeared who did much to make the game prominent. Among them were: Harry Oday, captain of the team, Berton Landpher, Robert Welch, Herbert Knight, Clarence Miner and Harry Givens. Five games were played, the Normals winning three. The following season the team was captained by Berton Landpher. Only three of the team of the previous year had left school and their places were well filled by A. D. Brown, A. P. Robinson and W. W. Wilcox, all of whom had been substitutes the previous year. Of the six

has been repeated. The line is composed of R. D. Hall, center; Geo. Moore and Richard Gleason, left guard; John Carty and Theodore Persons, right guard; C. M. Morse and F. Down, left tackle; W. C. Moon, right tackle; Earl Wooster and G. J. Little, left end; Wm. Mills and C. Murray, right end; R. H. Davis, quarterback and captain; L. S. Hawkins, left half back; F. C. Byrn, right half back; Frank Pierce and W. W. Wilcox, full back. Of the individual members it is not necessary to speak. No Normal team has been better captained. In the game at Athens, Byrn made a run of ninety-five yards, scoring a touchdown, and Hawkins put a touchdown to his credit after a run of eighty-five yards; while against the Mansfield team, Mills scored a touchdown after a run of sixty-five yards. Of Pierce an opponent recently said, "He is the best football player in Central New York outside the college teams."



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THE NORMAL FOOTBALL TEAM, 1899.

CARTY. MOORE.  
LITTLE. WOOSTER,  
MORSE.

HALL, PROF. BANTA, WILCOX, CARVER, HAWKINS, Manager.  
MOON, MURRAY, GLEASON, PERSONS, DOWN.  
PIERCE, MILLS, DAVIS, Captain. BYRN. HEATH, Ass't Mgr.

games played, the Normals won four. The season of 1896 brought into the game as new men, Frank Gleason, Guy Bailey, H. F. Brooks, C. B. Dugan, Clyde Griswold and Ralph Davis. The season's score was, Normals 120 points, opponents 12; but the 12 points represented one defeat for the Normals out of six games played. The team was captained by A. D. Brown. The season of 1897 found Arthur P. Robinson as captain, and on the line W. B. Patrick, W. F. Seacord, Truman Wedge, Wilford Down, W. F. Costello, Wm. Mills and Clyde Griswold. Out of six games played, the team was defeated by the Cornell Freshmen and Syracuse university. Clyde Griswold captained a team in 1898 that met with no defeat. Undoubtedly the strongest team put on the gridiron by the Cortland Normal school is that of the present year. The prestige of previous years has made it necessary to go out of our class in order to secure games. But the record of the previous year

**The Home Mission Society** of the First Baptist church was organized May 15, 1890, with the following officers: President, Mrs. D. E. Smith; vice-president, Mrs. M. M. Maybury; secretary, Mrs. C. W. Stoker; treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Bradford. The object of this society is to aid the Woman's Baptist Home Mission society. Meetings are held the last Friday in each month. Barrels of clothing are sent to missionaries to distribute as they deem best. One is now being prepared for the Home of the Friendless, New York City. Many articles of clothing are sent to the King's Daughters for distribution among the poor of our own village. The society is hoping to add one new name each year to the life membership roll. The present officers are: President, Mrs. E. H. Wilson; first vice-president, Mrs. E. O. Perry; second vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. J. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Pearson.

# THE KEY TO NORMAL FRATERNITIES.

## Clionian :—[Page 15.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Jane Clark,         | 23 Charlotte Cushman,    |
| 2 Nellie Wright,      | 24 Grace Briggs.         |
| 3 Helena Clark,       | 25 Edna Baldwin,         |
| 4 Blanche Babcock,    | 26 Bessie Morgan,        |
| 5 Ruby Hagin,         | 27 Bertha Powers,        |
| 6 Lottie Smith,       | 28 Ethel Watros,         |
| 7 Mabel Fuller,       | 29 Carolynn Kellogg,     |
| 8 Mae Fuller,         | 30 Maude Carter,         |
| 9 Grace Fuller,       | 31 Mable Fitzgerald,     |
| 10 May Morgan,        | 32 Florence Tupper,      |
| 11 Nettie Hopkins,    | 33 Jessie Hill,          |
| 12 Stella Sears,      | 34 Lida Wright,          |
| 13 Grace Brister,     | 35 Jane Humes,           |
| 14 Mary Grant,        | 36 Alice Green,          |
| 15 Emily LaMont,      | 37 Lillian Lee,          |
| 16 Alberta Waterbury, | 38 Louise Wallace,       |
| 17 Ruth Phillips,     | 39 Grace Dunbar,         |
| 18 Mary White,        | 40 Florence Henry,       |
| 19 Della Bates,       | 41 Cora Bull,            |
| 20 Etta Rock,         | 42 Harriett Strowbridge, |
| 21 Cecil Jenks,       | 43 Florence Nixon,       |
| 22 Alice Sargent,     | 44 Lizzie Southworth.    |

## Alpha Delta :—[Page 16.

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| 1 Gale Hart,       | 17 Anna Harvey,    |
| 2 Mary Northrup,   | 18 Minnie Allen,   |
| 3 Ida Davern,      | 19 Georgia Weaver, |
| 4 Monett Pierson,  | 20 Clara Enos,     |
| 5 Georgia Smith,   | 21 Magretta Exner, |
| 6 Nora Livermore,  | 22 Alice Benham,   |
| 7 Edna Powers,     | 23 Maud Chaddock,  |
| 8 Winifred Sexton, | 24 Mamie Barry,    |
| 9 Dora Mandeville, | 25 Grace Witter,   |
| 10 Miss Sherman,   | 26 Olive Norris,   |
| 11 Alice Westover, | 27 Nina Seeber,    |
| 12 Ella McFarland, | 28 Olive Landon,   |
| 13 Eva Hildebrant, | 29 Fern Cooper,    |
| 14 Etta Exner,     | 30 Mable Leonard,  |
| 15 Pearl Stebbins, | 31 Ella Peterson.  |
| 16 Ethel Lowe,     |                    |

## Corlonor :—[Page 17.

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jessica Paddock,    | 22 Elizabeth Conway, |
| 2 Jenny Robinson,     | 23 Jennie Watros,    |
| 3 Leila Bartholomew,  | 24 Mabel Hare,       |
| 4 Flora Millard,      | 25 Minerva Stubbs,   |
| 5 Rosamond Robinson   | 26 Ellen Norton,     |
| 6 Iva Ballou,         | 27 Eva Porter,       |
| 7 Anna I. Birmingham, | 28 Evelyn Clapp,     |
| 8 Clara Tracy,        | 29 Elinor Crook,     |
| 9 Alice Boyer,        | 30 Mabel Abbey,      |
| 10 Florence Churton,  | 31 Leona Baldwin,    |
| 11 Gertrude Snyder,   | 32 Sadie Lewis,      |
| 12 Benlah Stubbs,     | 33 Frances Graham,   |
| 13 Harriet Churcher,  | 34 Evelyn Miller,    |
| 14 Dell Bartholomew,  | 35 Miss Bishop,      |
| 15 Lena Houghtaling,  | 36 Florence Chaffee, |
| 16 Dorathea Bull,     | 37 Alice Fuller,     |
| 17 Alice Hoster,      | 38 Grace Burghardt,  |
| 18 Mary Kirby,        | 39 Anna Pearsall,    |
| 19 Jessie Jackson,    | 40 Susanna Davis,    |
| 20 Lucy Moses,        | 41 Julia Sheehan,    |
| 21 Mary Per Lee,      | 42 Floy Elliott,     |

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| 43 Ethel McFarlane,    | 47 Mattie Briggs, |
| 44 Maude Fisher,       | 48 Lula Hinman,   |
| 45 Jessie Bartholomew, | 49 Grace Hare.    |
| 46 Margaret MacLennan, |                   |

## Gamma Sigma :—[Page 18.

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| 1 Merton Brown,      | 19 Lewis Bean,        |
| 2 Edw. Egan,         | 20 Daniel Grant,      |
| 3 Glenn Beardsley,   | 21 William Wright,    |
| 4 George Tupper,     | 22 James Beha,        |
| 5 Chas. Kelley,      | 23 Ralph Freeman,     |
| 6 Chas. Dowd,        | 24 Earl Wood,         |
| 7 Herman Carver,     | 25 Glenn Woodin,      |
| 8 Carroll Slade,     | 26 Ethelbert Davison, |
| 9 Frank Place,       | 27 Benj. Chappel,     |
| 10 Leon Tarbell,     | 28 Thomas Fitzgerald, |
| 11 Fred Bierce,      | 29 S. B. Howe, Jr.,   |
| 12 Truman Wedge,     | 30 Orris Winslow,     |
| 13 Wm. Thayer,       | 31 H. Stanley Ward,   |
| 14 Frank Trapp,      | 32 Chas. Otis,        |
| 15 Grove Stoyell,    | 33 Chas. Huntley,     |
| 16 Floyd Atkins,     | 34 William West,      |
| 17 William Halleran, | 35 Jesse Jennison.    |
| 18 Ed Vincent,       |                       |

## Delphic :—[Page 19.

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| 1 Henry Ensign,     | 23 Herbert Reed,    |
| 2 Stewart Dye,      | 24 Chas. Dean,      |
| 3 Frank Hinman,     | 25 Edw. Bingham,    |
| 4 Benj. A. Nichols, | 26 Wm. Manchester,  |
| 5 Fred Crook,       | 27 Wesley Armitage, |
| 6 Albert Gross,     | 28 Edwin Preston,   |
| 7 Chas. McEvoy,     | 29 Geo. Hoyt,       |
| 8 Clarence Bond,    | 30 Thomas McEvoy,   |
| 9 Chas. Brownell,   | 31 Archie Lindsey,  |
| 10 Clayton Sherman, | 32 Harvey Heath,    |
| 11 B. Woodward,     | 33 Myron Beardsley, |
| 12 Earl Wooster,    | 34 Denora Cotton,   |
| 13 Ward Moon,       | 35 Gren Bowker,     |
| 14 Chas. Morse,     | 36 Fred Ward,       |
| 15 Richard Gleason, | 37 John Gleason,    |
| 16 Edgar Down,      | 38 E. B. Robinson,  |
| 17 Raymond Hall,    | 39 Clayton Sanders, |
| 18 J. Gould Little, | 40 Frank Rayfield,  |
| 19 Geo. Moore,      | 41 Lewis Linsey,    |
| 20 Ralph Davis,     | 42 Arthur Allen,    |
| 21 Layton Hawkins,  | 43 Clarence Robb,   |
| 22 Howard Milks,    | 44 Chas. Smith.     |

## Young Woman's Christian Temperance

**Union.**—On Oct. 9, 1897, a number of young ladies met with Mrs. Ella A. Boole, state secretary of the Y. W. C. T. U., at the W. C. T. U. rooms to consider the organization of a "Y" in Cortland. Mrs. Boole fully explained what would be expected of a "Y," and a Y. W. C. T. U. was organized with a membership of fifteen. The first president was Miss Anna L. Clarkson; second president, Mrs. Fannie H. Bierce, and third president, Mrs. Alva Caswell.

This society has met with true success in everything that has been attempted. With Christ on their side they must succeed. At present there are nineteen active and three honorary members.

**The Homer Avenue M. E. Church** is the loving and the beloved child of the First M. E. church of Cortland, N. Y. Jan. 28, 1889, the official board of that society met and selected Rev. Geo. P. Avery, C. B. Hitchcock, A. L. Cole, H. M. Kellogg, A. Sager, Dr. E. B. Nash and Prosper Palmer to secure a site for a mission chapel; and they fixed upon a vacant lot on the corner of Homer and Maple avenues, the property of Thomas Ellsworth, which at a special meeting Feb. 11, 1889, was purchased for \$1,500, subject to a mortgage of \$1,100 held by E. A. Fish. At a

walls were laid free of charge by the Masons & Bricklayers' Union. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference, Sept. 15, 1890, Presiding Elder U. S. Beebe in the chair, a resolution was passed to organize the Mission Church of the second ward into a Second Methodist Episcopal Society, and A. Sager, Eli Stafford and Bloom La Barre were selected to canvass the ward for a probable membership. At a special meeting held Sept. 29, 1890, a resolution was adopted "That the new society pay one seventh or \$228 of the debt now incurred on account of the mission and that the



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meeting held April 20, 1890, a committee submitted a report with plans for a building 26 x 60 ft., the cost of which was decided to be too large to be raised at that time. On April 28, 1890, H. M. Kellogg reported having secured an option on the purchase of the old Presbyterian session house, offered for \$400. The trustees secured the property and the work of removing the building to the site selected was reported completed on July 21, 1890. The stone for the walls, and the grading of the grounds were donated by several parties. The foundation

First church pay the balance." Messrs. S. E. Curtis, F. L. Bosworth, A. Sager and Bloom LaBarre reported to an informal meeting held in the chapel Oct. 6, 1890, Major A. Sager presiding, and F. L. Bosworth acting as secretary, that ninety-one names were enrolled as probable members of the new society. At this meeting it was decided to name the church "The Homer Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church." A committee consisting of C. B. Hitchcock, Aaron Sager and Wm. B. Stoppard was appointed to attend the Conference then in session at Oneida and represent the society in securing a pastor. They were unanimous and importune in requesting the appointment of Charles E. Hamilton to the new charge. Their request was granted, and Mr. Hamilton began a most successful pastorate of five years. Mr. Hamilton was followed by M. J. Wells, who had just closed a very successful pastorate at Canastota where he had built a very fine and commodious parsonage. Mr. Wells remained but one year during which time he remodeled and enlarged the parsonage and greatly endeared himself to the people. E. B. Gearhart became the next pastor of the church and remained only one year. He was followed by J. C. B. Moyer who is now serving the church for the third year.

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**William Jameson Mantanye** was born at Freetown, Cortland county, New York, October 17, 1843, and was a son of William Mantanye who then carried on a wagon factory at that place, but later on changed to mercantile pursuits and was for many years before and during the Civil War supervisor of his town. His mother was Betsey Fuller, daughter of Eleazer Fuller, who came from Monson, Massachusetts, in 1810, and settled upon one hundred acres about a mile north of Freetown Corners, purchased by him by contract of Nicholas Fish of New York, the deed

being given in 1815. First living in a log house, Squire Fuller made out of the forest the best farm in Freetown and built the finest house in the town—a large two-story mansion, later owned by Chauncey Tuttle and thence known as the "Tuttle farm." William J. Mantanye attended the district school at Freetown and after he was 12 years old worked on a farm every summer. In the fall of 1859 and again in 1860 he attended the Homer academy. In the winter of 1860-61 he taught school in one of the lumbering districts on the north fork of the Conanesque, near Westfield, Tioga Co., Penn. On the first call for three-year troops he enlisted in Co. D, 76th N. Y. Infantry, and served through the war at the front in the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded at second Bull Run Aug. 29, 1862, but not seriously and returned to his regiment next day. At Gettysburg he was taken prisoner July 1, 1863, and paroled on the field July 4, but as the government held the parole to be illegal he soon after returned to his company without exchange. In the fall of 1863 he was called to Washington to take a commission in the 1st regiment of United States colored troops then being organized, but being then only 19 years of age he declined. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in his old company and regiment and in Oct. 1864, upon the expiration of the term of the regiment he was transferred to the 147th N. Y., thence to the 91st N. Y., from which he was discharged July 3, 1865. Thus he served first, in the first army corps under Reynolds and Doubleday until that corps was annihilated at Gettysburg. After that he served in the fifth corps of which the remnant of the old first corps was made the third division, and he was present in the last campaign and at the surrender of Lee April 9, 1865. On his return from the army in 1865 Mr. Mantanye came to Cortland where his father had taken up his residence that year. He entered on the study of law with Hon. Arthur Holmes, then one of the leading lawyers and politicians of the county. In May, 1867, he was admitted to the bar at Binghamton, beginning the practice of law soon after



GEORGE S. SANDS—[Sketch P. 24.]

and continuing it ever since. In May, 1869, he opened a law office at Marathon where he practiced until the spring of 1888, when he removed to Cortland, which has ever since been his residence. In 1872 Mr. Mantanye married Emma, the oldest daughter of David C. Cloyes, a prominent merchant of Cortland. They have one child, a daughter, Fanny. Mr. Mantanye has been a steadfast Republican all his life. After the war he was active in the party, being frequently a delegate to State conventions and a member of the Republican county committee. In 1882-3 he was a member of the Republican State committee for the Onondaga-Cortland district and of the executive committee of the State organization. In 1893 he was elected as delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1894 from the 25th Senate District, then composed of Cortland, Broome, Tioga, Chenango and Delaware counties. In that convention he was a member of the important committees on powers and duties of the Legislature and on county and town officers. He introduced some important amendments which were adopted and two which were defeated. One of the latter was to make the term of office of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor four years and make them ineligible to election for the next succeeding term. The other was a provision for biennial sessions of the Legislature, which was on the suggestion of Gov. Black, introduced in the Legislature and passed but failed in the Legislature of 1899. He also advocated the amendment as to employment of convicts in penal institutions, forbidding their labor being sold out to contractors, and it was adopted. In June, 1895, Mr. Mantanye was appointed by Gov. Morton as a member of the Commission of Prisons created by the constitution of 1894, and was made chairman of the Committee on Annual Report in which position he has since been continued. He was also put upon the Committee of Legislation which had charge of the drafting and introduction in the Legislature of the proposed laws known as Chapter 429 of the Laws of 1896, which were



W. J. MANTANYE—[Sketch P. 22.]

enacted and have since been carried into the general revision of the prison laws. By these laws the taking of convicts from without the State by penitentiaries to board was ended, and it is now required that felons be sent to the reformatory and State prisons, and misdemeanants only to the jails and penitentiaries. The labor of convicts is also to be utilized in producing supplies for the public institutions of the State. The system has proved successful and is being adopted in other States. He is a member of the Tioughnioga Club and of the Union Veteran

time between employment on the farm and attending school, during which time he was a student at the Andes Collegiate institute and the Delaware academy at Delhi, in which village he enjoys a large acquaintanceship. In 1867-68 he attended the Cortlandville academy and in the winter of 1868-69 he was employed in the First National bank, giving his services in exchange for the practical instruction and the experience he received as an accountant. At the opening of the Normal school in this village he was enrolled as a student and he pursued the regular English

course there until May, 1870, when he entered the law office of M. M. Waters where he studied law until admitted to the bar at Schenectady, November, 1873. During vacation in 1869 he was employed in the large store of James S. Squires & Co. In 1873 he was elected town clerk, which office he held two years and in 1876 he was elected justice of the peace, being re-elected in 1880 and serving in that position six years. He resigned in 1883 to enable him to give his entire attention to the practice of law. Mr. Sands has always been a Republican. In 1896 he was prominently mentioned as one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for justice of the supreme court in the sixth judicial district. Mr. Sands reluctantly accepted the nomination for member of assembly at the hands of the regular Republican county convention in the fall of 1898 when the party was agitated by factional differences, and was elected in a strong Republican county by a somewhat reduced majority. But in the following year, being accorded a renomination in recognition of his services as a fair and conservative legislator, and in consideration of the further fact that it has usually been the custom to return to Albany a satisfactory representative, he received approximately the normal vote of his party. In the legislature of 1899 (that of 1900 is organizing as this Souvenir goes to press) he supported all party measures, although exercising a degree of independence on some very important bills upon which caucus action was not taken. As a member of the committees on codes, claims and federal relations he was required to devote much of his time to the preliminary examination of proposed laws and he became known as one of the few who gave to such work conscientious attention. Codes committee stands fourth in the list of important committees of the house. Mr.

Sands is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter, having been master of the lodge several terms, as well as assistant grand lecturer in this district. He is a member of the Tioughnioga club. His mother was left a widow when he was young and before coming to Cortland she married Mr. Chauncey Keator. She survives her second husband and with her son, Mr. G. S. Sands, and one daughter, Ella J. Sands, lives at a pleasant home on Main street. Another daughter, Mrs. W. J. Walker, died while a resident of the far west. The third daughter, Mrs. Clark Olds, the wife of a lawyer, has her home at Erie, Pa.



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Legion and was the Colonel of the latter organization during the first two years of its organization.

**George S. Sands**, member of assembly from Cortland county 1899 and 1900, is a native of Delaware county, born in the town of Middletown, Aug. 19, 1819. His father, George H. Sands, was interested in large farming properties and conducted a general country store and postoffice at Middletown, which was the headquarters for people for miles around. Until the family moved to Cortland, in April, 1867, the former divided his



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**The Baraca Bible Class** is a branch of the Baraca Union of America, an organization less than two years old yet having a membership of over 25,000 in the United States. The word Baraca means "Blessing" or "Valley of Blessing" and the local class aims to be a blessing to all who

come within the radius of its influence. One of the difficult problems in bible study is how to get and keep men interested in Sunday-school work. The Baraca class does this. While it is a part of the school it yet has its distinctive work. It has a constitution and by-laws, officers, committees and teacher, also a class pin and colors.



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LEHIGH VALLEY AND E. & C. N. Y. R. R. STATION.

**First Congregational Church.**—On the 10th day of November, 1881, a council convened to consider the advisability of such a church and if thought best to aid in its formation, and found that one hundred and sixteen persons were enrolled and present for organization, and that a Sunday-school was organized with 171 enrolled members, including a class of 30 young men. The organization was completed and the first services were held in the long unused Universalist church. In the spring of 1882 the court house was rented. Church services and the senior Sun-

Rev. Edward Taylor, D. D., for more than three years were acting pastors. At the tenth anniversary celebrated during the pastorate of Dr. Taylor, the church report showed that by the addition of a fine organ and various improvements the value of the church property had increased to \$30,000 and the church membership stood at 463. Dr. Taylor's personal helpfulness to the church cannot be estimated nor expressed in a report. The last sermon of Dr. Taylor and the first sermon of the incoming pastor, Rev. W. H. Pound, were given on the same day (morning and even-

ing) Nov. 15, 1892. Thus a united people were not divided by a change in pastorate. Mr. Pound soon saw a field for gospel work in a part of the town known as the East-side. By his untiring efforts, seconded by his church, a Sabbath-school was established and Sabbath services held regularly for a long time. Sabbath school at 3 o'clock, under the efficient care of J. W. Keese is still held and a Woman's Missionary society and Y. P. S. C. E. are in prosperous condition. The regular church services however, are merged into those of the older church and the whole enterprise is considered a "Branch Work." The care of this, with that of the larger church, have combined in the seven years just closed to make Rev. W. H. Pound the oldest—in length of ministry—and one of the busiest and best beloved pastors in the community.

#### **Loyal Circle of King's Daughters.**

—On Oct. 22, 1888, a few earnest women met together to discuss the feasibility of organizing a Loyal Circle of King's Daughters in Cortland, and as the result of this conference twenty-five names were enrolled, which constituted a charter membership and there are now over four hundred, not including the thirty King's Sons. Much credit is due the King's Daughters for taking the first step toward the establishing of a hospital in Cortland.

In April, 1889, \$25.00 was set aside for that object and in a short time was increased to \$300. In February, 1891, a public meeting was held in its interest and ten days later the Cortland Hospital association was formed. So pressing have become the demands at home that other work has given way almost entirely to local charity. The work is done quietly ever keeping in mind that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." The following are the officers for 1899:—President, Mrs. Henry Relyea; secretary, Mrs. A. A. Sprague; treasurer, Mrs. DeWitt Rose; first vice-president, Mrs. W. H. McKinney; second vice-



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day-school were held in the court room, the primary class in the jury room and the library in unused cells of the jail. In these unique quarters B. T. Wright, Esq., performed the duties of librarian and Mr. A. E. Buck of Sunday-school superintendent. Rev. Henry T. Sell began his ministry with the church in Feb., 1882, and within eighteen months from the time the church was organized it was occupying its present commodious building. It was dedicated May 8, 1882. Mr. Sell remained with this people five years in which time the church had reached a membership of 337. Rev. A. T. Swing for one year and

president, Mrs. M. K. Harris ; third vice-president, Mrs. Homer Smith ; fourth vice-president, Mrs. George I. Watson ; superintendent of local charities, Mrs. Eliza Jones.

**Cortland Hospital**—It was the Rev. J. A. Robinson, for many years rector of Grace church, who first suggested the idea of a hospital for Cortland. It was Mrs. T. B. Stowell who proposed to the Loyal Circle of King's Daughters, of which she was at the time leader, that it should take the initiative in establishing such a hospital and so enthusiastically was her proposition received and so vigorously acted upon that upon the organization of the Hospital association, Feb. 23, 1891, the Circle transferred to its treasury the sum of \$1,300, the result of a series of entertainments and of the solicitation of subscriptions by its members. The hospital was opened April 1, 1891, in a rented cottage on Clayton-ave. with accommodation for six patients. For a time one woman performed

more as occasion demands. The staff at present consists of the following physicians : Surgical, Drs. Dana, Higgins, Reese, Soruburger ; medical, Drs. Didama, Henry, Moore, Neary, Johnson, Nash, Santee, Spaulding and Strowbridge. The present board of managers is as follows : Mrs. A. E. Buck, Mrs. Delos Bauder, Mrs. Ella C. Butler, Mrs. F. H. Cobb, Mrs. W. H. Crane, Mrs. Hugh Duffey, Mrs. Mary E. Doud, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday, Mrs. L. J. Fitzgerald, Miss Mary Goodrich, Mrs. S. N. Holden, Mrs. Julia E. Hyatt, Mrs. E. C. Heath, Mrs. Coleman Hitchcock, Miss Louise Henry, Mrs. A. P. McGraw, Mrs. N. J. Peck, Mrs. W. J. Perkins, Mrs. Aaron Sager. The officers are : Hon. President, Mrs. M. E. Doud ; president, Mrs. Julia E. Hyatt ; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Delos Bauder ; 2d vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Crane ; secretary, Mrs. A. E. Buck ; treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Cobb. Advisory board : Dr. F. J. Cheney, Mr. E. D. Blodgett, Mr. James Dough-



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THE CORTLAND HOSPITAL.

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the triple duties of matron, nurse and house-keeper, with the assistance of a boy to care for the furnace and walks. During the ten months remaining of that hospital year fifteen patients were cared for. From this small beginning the work has steadily progressed and increased until now at the end of eight and one-half years the working force consists of a matron, nine nurses, two domestics, a laundress and janitor. The record for the year ending Sept. 30, 1899, shows 120 patients treated, an average of over 9 per day, while 52 outside patients were cared for by nurses. In 1895 the association was enabled to purchase and repair the building now occupied which was opened with appropriate dedicatory services March 27, 1895. Five rooms for private patients and the class room have been handsomely furnished by societies or individuals and these have been named in recognition of the generosity of the donors. Two wards, also named for liberal contributors, now have seven beds with room for

erty, Hon. S. S. Knox, Mr. G. J. Mager, Mr. E. C. Palmer, Mr. B. L. Webb, Mr. C. F. Wickwire, Mr. H. M. Whitney. Eight nurses have completed the prescribed course in the training department. The hospital has received legacies from Mrs. Adalenah Rogers, Mrs. Orissa Baker, Mrs. Frances McFarlan and Dr. J. H. Brewer and these with a gift from Mrs. Elisa Rose Palmer, have been used to improve the premises. Other legacies, not yet available, have been received from Mrs. T. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Goodrich and Mrs. Sarah Sturtevant.

**The Cigar Makers' Union** 116 of Homer, N. Y. was organized in Homer, Aug. 16, 1884, with the following officers : President, Geo. Sanford ; vice-president, Theo. Anderson ; secretary, Geo. Simmons. In 1891, Union 116 of Homer was transferred from Homer to Cortland and is now doing business with the following officers : President, S. J. Doyle ; vice-president, S. Kinney ; secretary, Benj. F. Langham.

**Cortland Universalist Church.**—Universalism was first preached in Cortland county by Nathaniel Stacy, who wrote: "In 1807, on my first visit to Cortland county, I delivered one address at Homer, and one at Port Watson. The latter was a new place but contained as many inhabitants as Homer. There was but one solitary house where the flourishing village of Cortland now (1850) stands, and that one was a residence of a friend of ours by the name Hubbard." (Stacy's Memoirs, page 190.) In the oldest record book of the parish extant, is the following reminiscence written apparently from memory, by the first clerk of the parish, John Chamberlain:

"According to early records of Universalism in Homer, it appears that a society of the name of 'The First Charitable, Universal, Religious Society of the Town of Homer,' was organized at

For a number of years services were held on alternate Sundays at these places. His pastorate lasted two years, when Rev. George Sanderson, in 1833, became pastor, and served the church in that capacity for three years. It was during this period that the permanent foundation of the present society was laid. At a special meeting of the parish in the Baptist meeting house, held Sept. 17, 1834, a committee of seven, of which the pastor was first named, was appointed "to draft a new code of by-laws for the benefit of the society." The committee reported the next month; the report was adopted, and arrangements made for a grand meeting when the new Covenant should be signed. The two days' Conference meeting was held in February, 1835. Rev. Dolphus Skinner gives a very interesting account of it in the "Magazine and Advocate" of that year, he preaching



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NORTH MAIN ST., NORTH FROM CLINTON.

the court house, Homer, (now Cortlandville) the 16th of Nov., 1813. Samuel Ingalls and Mead Merrill presided at the above meeting. The following persons were elected trustees: Moses Hopkins, Allen Barry, John Chamberlain, David Merrick, Mead Merrill, Roger Edgcomb. A society of the name of 'The First Universalist Society of the Town of Homer' was organized Jan. 19, 1829, at the house of David Merrick. The last meeting of the above society was holden on the 18th of Jan., 1831."

The "House of David Merrick" stood on the present site of the Cortland Opera House. In the early days there seems to have been no settled pastor, services being held occasionally, whenever a preacher came this way. This continued until 1831, when Rev. Nelson Doolittle, settled at Cortland and Homer, as the first permanent pastor.

two sermons. Nine ministers, whose names he mentions, were present. In conclusion he says: "At the close of the service, the Constitution, Declaration and Covenant were read, and signed by thirty-five sisters and sixty-six brethren, making an aggregate of one hundred and one members." The Baptist meeting house was still used as a place of worship. Late in 1835 or early in 1836 a committee was chosen relative to "building a meeting house." On February 9th, 1836, this committee was empowered "to fix upon the size of the house, form and materials of which it shall be built, the plan of raising the money, and the site where it shall stand." February 23, the committee reported "That the meeting house be built on the lot offered by Calvin Bishop. That the size of the house be 60x44 feet. That the walls be of cobblestone and such other materials as are

necessary for the purpose and that the funds be raised by subscription." This was not quite explicit enough, for this was followed by a motion that "the committee agree on a level floor, a gallery on three sides, west, north and south, two tiers of windows, and a desk in the east end of the house." About this time the Rev. Walter Bullard became pastor and served in that capacity for two years, being followed by Rev. A. C. Barry in 1838. During his pastorate the society was re-incorporated, the legal name, "The First Charitable, Universalist, Religious Society of the Town of Homer," was changed to "The First Universalist Society of the Town of Cortlandville." This was done May 7, 1839. The new church was dedicated July 10, 1839. At the annual meeting Jan. 10, 1840, Rev. T. J. Whitcomb was called to the pastorate. The following year his predecessor, Rev. A. C. Barry, wrote in the "Magazine and Advocate" (page 141) regarding this society: "There are now (1841) probably between seventy and eighty members. Their meeting house (the best in the county) is located at Cortland village—the county seat—which contains rising of a thousand inhabitants." On Jan. 11, 1842, Rev. Mr. Whitcomb received twenty-two new members in the church, among them being our honored and beloved deacon, Ebenezer Mudge, the only survivor of that company. We will pass over the pastorates of Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Brown and D. H. Strickland and others, until the year 1857, when the church called to minister to it Rev. William H. Fish. Mr. Fish came as a non-sectarianist. His creed was temperance and the abolition of slavery. His pastorate extended through five years, 1857 to 1862. This was the golden age of the Lyceum and public lectures, and Mr. Fish was the man to make the most of every opportunity. To the platform of this church came Thomas Starr King, Theodore Parker, Henry Ward Beecher, Edward H. Chapin, Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Ralph Waldo Emerson and others. With considerable Yankee shrewdness Mr. Fish quite often managed to have the lectures take place on Saturday night, so that the guests would have to remain over Sunday, and the people would have the privilege of two or three more lectures the next day, free of charge. Rev. Mr. Fish's stirring pastorate was followed by the ministrations of the Rev. Stephen Crane, who remained with the church for four years, being followed by Rev. John M. Austin and Rev. F. B. Peck, Rev. E. F. Pember and Rev. H. W. Hand, the latter remaining one year, doing excellent work in the way of reorganization, and furnishing a new set of by-laws. This church has a good constitution else it never could have survived the numerous by-laws!

Rev. George Adams was the next pastor, from 1883 to 1886. He was followed by Mr. H. E. Gilchrist, who was ordained in the church. Rev. Ura Mitchell assumed the pastoral duties Feb. 1, 1889. Under his energetic administration the church edifice was entirely remodeled, giving it its present modern appearance in the interior. He was succeeded by H. W. Carr, who graduated from the Canton Theological school in June, 1891, and who assumed the pastoral duties of the church at once, which proved to be a successful and prosperous one, and the longest in the history of the parish. During his pastorate the church was further modernized by placing a new organ in its



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present position, cutting out the original solid stone wall and building the organ loft. Mr. Carr was ordained to the ministry and married in the church while pastor. Since his resignation the church has had two ministers—Rev. John Kenyon, from April 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898, who was also ordained in the church, and the present pastor, Rev. U. S. Milburn, who commenced his duties Oct. 1, 1898. This church has given to the Universalist ministry four clergymen—Rev. Messrs. A. C. Barry, J. M. Peebles, G. A. Kratzer and H. E. Newton.

**The Ladies' and Pastor's Aid Society** of the Homer Ave. M. E. church of Cortland was organized Oct. 16, 1890, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Sager; vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. S. E. Curtis; treasurer, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; executive committee, Mrs. Frank Bosworth, Mrs. Bloom La Barre, Mrs. Wm. Moresheimer. The object of the society as set forth in the constitution is to assist the pastor in looking after strangers, new members, the sick and destitute; to develop and employ social activity in all departments of church work and as far as practicable assist in the general interests of the church. The ladies who have served as presidents since the organization are as follows: From Oct. 1890 to Oct. 1892, Mrs. A. Sager; from Oct. 1892 to Oct.

ciety," and on May 15, 1890, the name was again changed to Ladies' Aid Society. The following were the officers elected when organized: President, Mrs. J. L. Gillett; vice-president, Mrs. O. D. Purinton; secretary, Mrs. G. C. Hubbard; treasurer, Mrs. C. Keator.

The object of this society is to promote mutual acquaintance and fellowship and to raise funds for church purposes. The first year \$75 was realized from dime suppers, and the past year, \$117. Receipts last year amounted to \$480; expenditure, \$420.

The following are the present officers: President, Mrs. E. H. Wilson; first vice-president, Mrs. E. O. Perry; second vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. J. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Pearson.



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GROTON AVENUE, WEST FROM MAIN STREET. [Opera House.]

1894, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; from Oct. 1894 to Oct. 1896, Mrs. W. P. Robinson; from Oct. 1896 to Oct. 1897, Mrs. Carrie S. Kelly; from 1897 to present date, Mrs. A. Sager. The following are the present officers: President, Mrs. A. Sager; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Eggleston; secretary, Mrs. Martha Head; treasurer, Miss Effie J. Hallock; executive committee, Mrs. W. H. Dickerson, Mrs. Grant Thomas, Mrs. A. Burnham, Mrs. G. F. Price and Mrs. Alma Snyder.

**The Aid Society** of the First Baptist church was organized in the year 1881 as the Ladies' Dime and Sewing society. Before the year closed, the name was changed to "All Work Together So-

**The Sunday-school Missionary Society** of the Homer Ave. M. E. church was organized Nov. 30, 1890, with Miss H. C. Henry as president. She tendered her resignation Nov. 1, 1891, on account of leaving town and was succeeded by Miss Helena M. Myers, who held the office until Dec. 1892, when Mrs. H. E. Andrews, the present incumbent, was elected. The object of this society is to create and stimulate interest in missionary work among children and young people. To this end a program is rendered the first Sunday in each month by members of the society. The red letter days are Easter, Harvest and Christmas, when concerts are given and special effort is made in the way of raising funds for this branch of the work. Nearly \$1,500 has been raised by the society since its organization.

**The Memorial Baptist Church** is the outgrowth of a mission that was started by the First Baptist church, in the first ward May 29, 1892. Under the efficient leadership of Dr. F. D. Reese the Sunday-school became so large they outgrew their first quarters, a dwelling house, and a chapel was erected and dedicated Nov. 14, 1893, to which was given the name of Memorial in memory of James Duane Squires, who had been interested in the advancement of the kingdom of God in that section of the village. The church has a number of windows that were given by friends of the chapel in memory of some devout Christian. In 1896 it was thought best by a company of Baptists that lived near the chapel that they should organize themselves into an independent Baptist church. Accordingly letters of dismissal were granted to thirty-five members of the First Baptist church who became constituent members of the Memorial Baptist church. The church was recognized as an independent Baptist church on June 9, 1897. Rev. J. Barton French served as the first pastor from Jan. 1, 1897, until July 1, 1899. The present pastor is Rev. Geo. E. T. Stevenson, a recent graduate of the Divinity school of the University of Chicago, and of Hamilton Theological seminary. During the past year the church has lost two of its very best members in the death of Deacon J. L. Gillet and sister Jane A. Lester, who were among the constituent members. The church is in a flourishing condition at the present time, its membership being eighty-nine. The officers of the Sunday-school are: Superintendent, Geo Allport; assistant superintendent, J. V. Chatterton; secretary, Miss Belle Allen; treasurer, John S. Miller. The officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Circle are: President, Mrs. J. V. Chatterton; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. T. Lester; secretary, Miss Emma Briggs; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Allport. The officers of the Home Mission society are: President, Mrs. John S. Miller; vice-president, Mrs. Bert Allen; secretary, Miss Emma Briggs; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Byrn. The officers of the Farther Lights society are: President, Miss Minnie Lester; vice-president, Mrs. Will Seaman; secretary, Miss Flora Klotten; treasurer, Mrs. Ednae Klotten. The officers of the Phebe Helpers society are: President, Mrs. J. V. Chatterton; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Klotten, Sr.; secretary, Mrs. John S. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. T. Lester. The officers of the church: Pastor, Rev. Geo. E. T. Stevenson; deacons, A. H. Allport, F. A. Lombard, I. Dan Lester, Adolph Frost, Jr.; deaconesses, Mrs. Mary E. L. Squires, Miss Emma Briggs; trustees, J. V. Chatterton, W. J. Moss, F. A. Lombard, A. H. Allport, W. H. Scarff, C. E. Wilkins; clerk, Miss Emma Briggs.

**Philoplists.**—I discovered Cortland in mid-summer, 1898. I was first impressed with the beauty of the environs, coming south from Syracuse on the D., L. & W. The panorama of hill, tiny lake and valley was so bewitching, that the morning paper lay unread in my lap, while the eye feasted on the stately beauty as we swept along between the wooded slopes. The village itself did not suffer by comparison with the beauty of its approaches. Its straight and clean streets, its luxury of trees, its well kept lawns, its profusion of flowers, its array of churches, its model schools,



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its uniformity of "respectable" appearance, its comparative lack of hovels, its appearance of diffused culture, its busy shops, its bustling thoroughfares,—all these combined, tend to deeply impress a stranger of the beauty and prosperity of the place. There is found no street, section or ward given over to hovels, poverty, dirt, squalor, viciousness. These are conspicuous by their absence. This was the first impression. A residence of over a year has strengthened rather than weakened that impression. Some new beauty is always revealing itself; some new item in its favor is constantly being manifested. Its streets are more

beautiful, its shops busier. But this is all external. An acquaintance with the people reveals them to be cultured, refined, intelligent. Education seems to be quite generally diffused, and not confined to a particular class or clique. As witness of this the large number of clubs and societies organized for purely literary and educational purposes bear testimony. Cortland has its evils, its faults, its shortcomings, many of which could be remedied, but take it all in all it has fewer of these than the majority of places of similar size. The most of its citizens, however, are public spirited, and are working for the best interests of this little city. They can truly be called "Philopolists." For beauty, for prosperity, for its social life, for its intellectual status and moral standing Cortland would certainly take its place in the very front ranks among the smaller cities of the Empire State. He who has capital to invest, who has chil-

laws. From that date to the present the meetings have been held regularly with scarcely an exception. So well and so wisely was the original work done that the constitution and by-laws have remained essentially unchanged during the nearly twenty years of the club's existence. The number of members was limited to thirty. Of the charter members but four or five remain, while one hundred different names are enrolled upon its list. As the years have passed a large amount of work has been achieved. The special committees have been untiring in their efforts to arrange the subjects in such a manner as to combine the instructive with the agreeable. The years of 1891 and 1892 were spent in studying history, geography, manners and customs, art and literature of foreign countries, illustrated with an occasional stereopticon evening, or a professional lecture, while 1893 was given to preparation for the proper enjoyment and appre-



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PORT WATSON STREET, EAST FROM CHURCH.

dren to educate, who wishes to live a quiet and retired life amidst elevating surroundings, would find Cortland a profitable and suitable place to pitch his tent.—U. S. MILBURN.

**The Ladies' Literary Club** of Cortland was an outgrowth of a Book Club organized two years previously. A half dozen ladies especially interested in the study of literature called a preliminary meeting of all the book club members who wished to study literature and authors in a systematic and regular manner. Ten ladies responded and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. P. Randall, March 24, 1880, for the purpose of organizing a club. Mrs. Jennie Crandall was made chairman and the following permanent officers were elected: President, Mary F. Hendrick; vice-presidents, Mrs. Jennie Crandall and Mrs. Mary B. Stowell; secretary, Miss Editha Stephens; treasurer, Mrs. L. K. Shankland. Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Stowell and Mrs. Ella (Hubbard) Apgar were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-

ciation of the great gathering of the nations at the World's fair. During 1894 and 1895 special study was given to American authors, which may be counted among the most valuable of the work done. Each quarter's work closes with an entertainment of some kind. To the literary program has been added the department of current topics. We do not exclude the social element. Once a year the president lays aside the gavel, forgets the dignity of her official position and gives us an afternoon in which we do up the visiting for the year or are amused and entertained as she sees fit. These are called "president's days" and in the words of the ever joyous Shakespeare, "it is very reverend sport truly, and done in the testimony of a good conscience." The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. Grace C. Walrad; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Kittie Higgins; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. M. H. Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Goodrich; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. B. Cornish. The members are: Miss M. Minerva Adams, Miss Alida Cornelia

Adams, Mrs. Helen J. Appgar, Mrs. Clara H. Banta, Mrs. Mary M. Beach, Miss Clara E. Booth, Mrs. Mary Alta Chambers, Mrs. Arabella B. Collins, Mrs. C. W. B. Cornish, Miss Marguerite Force, Miss Ella Gale, Mrs. Caroline R. Gillette, Miss Mary Goodrich, Miss Mary F. Hendrick, Mrs. Mary F. Henry, Mrs. Kittie Higgins, Mrs. Lillian C. Jayne, Mrs. E. M. H. Johnson, Mrs. Hattie B. Mudge, Mrs. E. A. Nash, Mrs. Louise M. Foote, Mrs. Florence C. Reese, Miss Martha Roe, Miss Miriam S. Skidmore, Mrs. Mary B. Smith, Mrs. Kate F. Sornberger, Miss Editha Stephens, Mrs. Julia Jarvis-Twiss, Mrs. Grace C. Walrad, Mrs. M. M. Watrous.

**Rev. Ulysses Sumner Milburn**, pastor of the Universalist church, was born in the little hamlet of Black Lick, ten miles east of Columbus, Ohio, December 16th, 1865. He attended the district schools of that state and for three years taught in the same schools. His thoughts were early inclined toward the profession of ministry, and to prepare himself for that work he entered the Divinity school of the St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. At London, Ohio, he was ordained in October of the same year, and preached there for sixteen months when he was called to Baltimore, Md., as associate pastor of the Second Universalist church, his co-worker being Rev. Royal H. Pullman, D. D. He remained in that position for about a year and a half, when he became pastor of the First Universalist church of Cincinnati. For over four years he performed the arduous duties as pastor of a large city parish, the society during that time erecting a handsome stone church, and also a business block costing \$20,000.00 on a lot owned by the church. In October, 1898, he came to Cortland.



Hyatt, Photo. F. W. HIGGINS, M. D.

**F. W. Higgins, M. D.**, is the son of a Methodist minister and was born Feb. 7, 1857, in Plymouth, Chenango Co., N. Y. After he was 14 years old he supported himself by farm work, clerking and teaching country schools until prepared to practice medicine. He was educated at the public schools, at Cazenovia seminary and Colgate academy, Hamilton. Before his graduation he was for two years principal of the McGraw academy. He studied medicine with Dr. H. C. Hendrick of McGraw and attended medical lectures at Michigan university, Ann Arbor and the Medical Department of the

University of the City of New York. He was graduated from the latter institution in 1881, and began the practice of medicine in that same year with the late Dr. J. C. Nelson of Truxton. For four and one-half years he remained in Truxton, then moved to Chemung, Chemung county, where he practiced for a year and a half, and in the spring of 1887 came to Cortland, which has since been his home. In preparation for practice in diseases of the eye, ear and throat he has taken post graduate work in the hospitals in New York and Philadelphia. He also spent two months in London, in the summer of 1894, working in hospitals under the instruction of eminent specialists. Dr. Higgins is a member of the Cortland County Medical society and was for several years its secretary. He is also a member of the New York State Medical association, the American Medical association, the New York State Medical society, and the Medical Association of Central New York. He was married on Nov. 26, 1879, to Miss Kittie M. Smith of McGraw. They have four children—three sons and one daughter, viz.: R. Paul, a student at Cornell; Max S. and George H. and Winifred A., who are living at home. Dr. Higgins was elected president of Cortland village in 1895 and served one term.



Harris, Photo DR. F. W. HIGGINS' OFFICE.



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A GROUP OF CORTLAND'S PRETTY STREETS.

Homer Avenue.

North Main, N. from Madison.

Grant St., looking toward Main.

Reynold's Avenue.

Monroe Heights, N. from Court.

"Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland.

**The Cortland County Medical Society** is one of the older in the state, the first meeting having been held Aug. 10, 1808. The first officers of the society were: Dr. Lewis Owen, president; Dr. John Miller, vice-president; Dr. James Searl, secretary; Dr. Robert D. Taggart, treasurer. It is worthy of note that none of the charter members of the society were physicians practising in Cortland village. Four resided in Homer when the society was organized. Two lived in Truxton. Preble and Solon were represented, but if Cortland had a physician his name is not preserved upon our records. In 1812, according to the laws of the state in force at that time, the society conferred its first license to practice medicine upon Dr. Levi Boies of

ber until his death, March 1, 1870. The occasion of his golden wedding, in 1867, furnished opportunity for old patients in every part of the United States to send him tokens of their regard. Dr. Frederick Hyde was for long years a tower of strength in the county society and in the profession of Cortland. Here he practiced from 1836 till his death, Oct. 15, 1887. He was professor of surgery in Geneva Medical College from 1855, and after the organization of Syracuse Medical College, in 1872, was its dean. He was a man of positive convictions, a typical physician and surgeon of his day and generation. He married the daughter of Dr. Goodyear and for many years the two physicians



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RAILROAD STREET, EAST FROM MAIN.

Cortland village, who is said to have been long a respectable practitioner. While at that day the majority of physicians were licentiates, it began to be considered proper and advantageous to take the training offered by the few medical colleges. The medical department of Yale University was founded in 1812. Dr. Miles Goodyear, who received his degree from Yale College in 1816, was a member of the first graduating class, and was the first member of the Cortland county society with the title of M. D. Dr. Goodyear is one of the notable historical characters of Cortland. His eccentricities, his kindly way, his ruffled shirt and his botanical lore, his sterling worth, his learning and his fund of homely common sense, all render his memory green. Dr. Goodyear was born at Hamden, Conn., Nov. 14, 1793. He joined the society in 1818, and remained a most faithful mem-

ber until his death. Both are said to have been lacking in financial ability, but for two generations they were the family physicians of most of the inhabitants of the place. Whether fortunately or unfortunately for physician and for patient very many people no longer have a family physician, or none, more permanently than they trade at a certain store. That the earlier members of the society were as brilliant as any of their successors may be learned by studying the life of Dr. A. B. Shipman, who resided in Cortland from 1833 to 1849. He afterward removed to Syracuse, but was often called to Cortland in emergencies. Reading his life and writings gives the impression that quarrels among doctors were more acrimonious then than now. Indeed, it may be truthfully said that the members of the society and of the profession in Cortland were never freer from

selfish jealousies or unethical conduct than at present. Dr. H. O. Jewett, although still living, has retired from active practice, and may be mentioned in this connection. He was a student of Dr. Shipman and graduated in the first class of the medical department of the College of the City of New York. He practiced in Summer Hill from 1843 to 1849, when he removed to Cortland, which has since been his home. He has been a conscientious, industrious and successful practitioner. Of the present members of the society who are in active practice in Cortland a mere list must suffice. It would be invidious and impossible to distinguish the conscientious work being done by them all. It may be said that medicine and surgery have made marvelous strides during the last twenty years and the local physicians are seeing to it that they keep abreast with the advances in the science. Of the members of the society who have lived outside of Cortland village our space will allow but little to be

terly. Recently these sessions have been held in the parlor of the Cortland hospital, to which the last year the society donated \$50 for surgical instruments. For some years after the dispute in the State society in regard to the code of ethics Cortland county did not send a delegate to the State society. Dr. H. T. Dana was however accredited a delegate in 1895 and Dr. F. W. Higgins and Dr. F. D. Reese have since been elected. Dr. F. H. Green of Homer since 1892 has been the very efficient secretary of the society. The presidents since 1894 have been: Dr. H. T. Dana, Dr. A. J. White, Dr. C. B. Trafford, Dr. H. C. Hendrick, Dr. M. L. Halbert and Dr. F. H. Forshee. The society was never more active and useful than at present. The following is the list of active members of the society: Dr. L. C. Andrews, Pitcher; Dr. I. A. Beach and Dr. C. E. Bennett, Cortland; Dr. H. S. Braman, Homer; Drs. Paul T. Carpenter, H. T. Dana and E. A. Didama, Cortland; Dr. T. M. Emery, Virgil; Dr. F. H. Forshee, McGraw;



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LINCOLN AVENUE, WEST FROM MAIN STREET.

said. Mention should be made of Dr. Caleb Green of Homer who for many years was its secretary and from whose writings much of the historical material of this society must ever be gleaned. Dr. Geo. W. Bradford of Homer was the secretary of the society from 1826 to 1871. He, like most of our physicians who have made their lives a success, was a self-made man, hard-working, a great reader, active in every good word and work. Dr. H. C. Hendrick of McGraw is still in active practice although he became a member of the society in 1855. He has done much to contribute to the success of its meetings. Dr. J. C. Nelson shares with Dr. John Miller in the memories of all the families about Truxton. A true gentleman, of great force of character, he would have made his mark in any calling in life. The first sessions of the society were held in David Jones' coffee house in Homer, quarterly for six years and then for seventy-five years semi-annually. Occasionally no meeting was held, a quorum not being present. At the annual meeting, 1888, it was voted to meet quar-

terly. Recently these sessions have been held in the parlor of the Cortland hospital, to which the last year the society donated \$50 for surgical instruments. For some years after the dispute in the State society in regard to the code of ethics Cortland county did not send a delegate to the State society. Dr. H. T. Dana was however accredited a delegate in 1895 and Dr. F. W. Higgins and Dr. F. D. Reese have since been elected. Dr. F. H. Green of Homer since 1892 has been the very efficient secretary of the society. The presidents since 1894 have been: Dr. H. T. Dana, Dr. A. J. White, Dr. C. B. Trafford, Dr. H. C. Hendrick, Dr. M. L. Halbert and Dr. F. H. Forshee. The society was never more active and useful than at present. The following is the list of active members of the society: Dr. L. C. Andrews, Pitcher; Dr. I. A. Beach and Dr. C. E. Bennett, Cortland; Dr. H. S. Braman, Homer; Drs. Paul T. Carpenter, H. T. Dana and E. A. Didama, Cortland; Dr. T. M. Emery, Virgil; Dr. F. H. Forshee, McGraw;

**The Ladies' Aid Society** of the First Universalist church of Cortland, N. Y., was organized in Feb. 1883, under the pastorate of Rev. H. W. Hand. Mrs. H. W. Hand was its first president. The Woman's Aid convention of central New York had its origin with the Cortland L. A. S. This organization is well officered, some of its officers having held for a succession of years and all are united and work zealously for the cause. They are strengthened and encouraged by the hearty support and co-operation of their pastor, the Rev. U. S. Milburn.

**S. M. Benjamin**, the oldest business man in Cortland now engaged in the same business and at the same place where he started the business, is a manufacturer and dealer in monuments, headstones, etc., at No. 37 N. Main street. He opened the shop Oct. 1, 1854, and as has been stated, has continued it there ever since. although his brother, J. W. Benjamin, who afterward died in Chicago with apoplexy, was associated with him in the beginning. Mr. Benjamin was born in Durham, Greene county, Oct. 11, 1826, and although now in his 74th year is active in personally conducting his business and does manual labor day after day with as much energy as many younger men. He came to Cortland county in 1845 with his mother, a widow, and two brothers and a sister. He bought a farm and made that his business until April, 1852. One of his brothers, A. Page Benjamin, went to California in 1848 and died there in the gold mines. His sister, Mrs. Martin Chapin of Columbia, S. C., was married in June, 1850. Mr. S. M. Benjamin was married to Harriet A. Eggleston of Cortland Sept. 30, 1850, and they have had two daughters and one son. The oldest daughter, Jennie, died when about twenty years of age and the son in infancy. The other daughter, Mrs. Nelson H. Waters, was married on Sept. 30, 1889, and lives in Cortland. She has two children, a son and a daughter. In 1852 Mr. Benjamin went into the grocery business with Mr. Bancroft on Port Watson street. They started the first bakery in Cortland and built the first baker's oven. Mr. Benjamin withdrew from that business in the fall of 1854 to go into the marble business at his present stand. His business is extensively known throughout this section of the state and for years his productions not only included marble and granite monuments but marble tops for household purposes. Of late years the latter part of the business has given way almost entirely to granite work. He was up to the time he withdrew from the department, in 1897, one of the oldest firemen in Cortland, having been on active duty thirty-seven years, and having been a member of the first fire company formed in the village. With the rest of that company he went to Syracuse after the first



Photo by Hyatt. S. M. BENJAMIN.

hand engine which was brought to Cortland. During this extraordinary long term of service he has served in every rank of the department from "high private" to chief of the department. Although seventy years of age when he resigned it was only because he had broken a leg. He is a member of Grace Episcopal church where he has been a vestryman for twenty-five years.

**The First Methodist Episcopal Church.**—From a historical memorandum furnished me by Mr. Henry M. Kellogg, we learn that a Methodist itinerant preacher—Rev. Mr. Hill—by invitation preached in the home of Jonathan Hubbard in the year 1804, when there were but three families within the present boundaries of Cortland village. All were invited to attend the service, and the invitation was gladly accepted. The residence of Mr. Hubbard was on the corner of Court and Main

streets, where the national bank now stands. Other meetings followed until, in the winter of that year, Elder Hill received into the church Jonathan, Mary and Abigail Hubbard; Elija and Martha Batchelor; Isaac, William and Polly Bassett, and Catharine Sherwood, which constituted the first society. Mr. Batchelor was appointed "leader." This was the germ of the First Methodist Episcopal church in this place. It was included in what was then called Cayuga Circuit. It was in the Genesee district of Philadelphia conference. The Cayuga Circuit was bounded on the north by lake Ontario, east by the Otselic valley, south by the turnpike running east from Ithaca, and west by



Photo by Harris. S. M. BENJAMIN'S MONUMENT WORKS.

Cayuga lake, yet such was the unconquerable energy of two itinerant Methodist preachers they were enabled to ford the rivers, thread their way through forests without roads, cross mountains without guides, and make regular visits to all its charges, and preach the gospel to all who were willing to hear. The services were held in Cortland every two weeks. After each service a prayer and class meeting was held. The first quarterly meeting was held in an unfinished barn in the year 1810. Rev. James Kelsey was preacher in charge in 1812. Ten or twelve families constituted the village at that time. On the 13th day of

money was paid. It was all trade, barter and labor. Arrangements were made for laying the corner-stone on the 4th of July, 1821. A meeting was held at the Baptist church in the forenoon of that day. A sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. W. Dinsmore, at the close of which a procession was formed under the direction of Gen. Daniel Miller and Martin Keep, which marched through the groves of beautiful trees to this spot where the corner-stone, with the names of the building committee on it, was laid in position. This old stone has been carefully preserved and built into the south wall of the present edifice. Addresses were

delivered by Rev. Mr. Kelsey and Rev. Mr. Baker, after which the procession reformed and marched to the hotel of Nathan Luce, where the Messenger House now stands, where dinner was served at 31 cents each. The new directory of the church, issued in Dec., 1898, gives the condition in which it is found after nearly ninety-five years since the first preacher was stationed here. The frequent changes of pastoral oversight in former years no doubt contributed largely to the interest of the people. No less than 55 have succeeded each other in this line. This church is the parent of the Homer, the McGraw, and the Blodgett Mills Methodist Episcopal churches; and also of the Congregational church, the Homer Avenue M. E. church, and in part of the Free Methodist church. The present organization names Theron Cooper as presiding elder and O. A. Houghton, D. D., as pastor. The resident ministers are: B. F. Weatherwax, a superannuated member of the Central New York Conference, and Chas. Lane Rice, a superannuated member of the Wyoming Conference. Dr. F. J. Cheney, principal of the Normal school, is superintendent of the Sunday-school and C. F. Weiler, president of the Epworth League. The trustees are: R. B. Smith, president; H. M. Kellogg, secretary and treasurer; A. L. Cole, Prosper Palmer, Fred Conable, H. J. Reed, A. A. Carley, F. P. Saunders, and Geo. Moore. Prosper Palmer died on Tuesday night, Nov. 7, 1899,



Photo by Butler. THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

[See sk., P. 37.]

March, 1821, a meeting of the male members was held at the house of John Stillman, for the purpose of organizing to erect a house of worship. Jonathan Hubbard, John Stillman and Isaac Bassett were elected trustees. The building committee appointed was Charles W. Lynde, Roswell Randall and Samuel Nelson. The last was afterwards judge of the United States Supreme court. The present site, consisting of one acre and thirty-two rods, was purchased of "Billy" Trowbridge, guardian of the heirs of Jonathan Hubbard, for the sum of \$50. A contract dated May 24, 1821, was made with John R. White to build the foundation and take the subscription for his pay. No

nearly ninety-five years of age. We can hardly do less than mention some facts respecting this remarkable man whose death has just left a vacancy in the board of trustees. He was born Jan. 21, 1809, in a house now demolished on the Gulf road near McGraw. His pious mother died when he was but 13. At the age of 16 he professed conversion to God and united with the Baptist church, following the example of his parents. Nine years later he manifested a preference for the Methodist Episcopal church and transferred his membership accordingly. With the First Methodist Episcopal church he has been closely identified for 66 years. For thirty successive years of this

time he was leader of the choir. He had a voice of peculiar sweetness, and he had trained it for the sacred work of hymning the praises of the sanctuary. On his 88th birthday his pastor, Dr. O. A. Houghton, prevailed on him, though feeble in body, to attend the prayer-meeting at the church, where he sang one of his favorite hymns. Every heart was touched, and many tears were shed. The church has eleven class-leaders, and thirteen stewards. Chester R. Doolittle is precentor; H. M. Kellogg, keeper of the flag. E. S. Bostwick is Sexton. The St. Paul Chapter of the Epworth League is well manned; also the Junior Epworth League. The Ladies' and Pastor's Union is doing good service under the presidency of Miss Effie A. Allen. Excellent organizations of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies are maintained. The seats are all free, and the church is supported by voluntary contributions. The entire membership will reach nearly seven hundred.—REV. CHARLES LANE RICE.

**Oscar A. Houghton, Ph. D., D. D.**, the son of the late Rev. Royal Houghton, for many years a prominent clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal church in this part of the state, was early thrown upon his own resources, and enjoyed such advantages as his own energy provided. He received his preparatory education at Falley seminary, Fulton, N. Y. Mr. Houghton was graduated at Genesee college, Lima, N. Y., (now Syracuse university), in 1869, with the degree of A. B., taking the second honor in his class. While in college he took prizes in scholarship, oratory and English composition. At the first commencement held after the establishment of the college as Syracuse university, at Syracuse, N. Y., (in 1872), he received the degree of A. M., *in cursu*, having been chosen by the faculty to deliver the Master's oration on that occasion. In 1882 he completed a post-graduate course in Christian evidences at the same university, receiving the degree of Ph. D. on examination. In 1887 his alma mater conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Dr. Houghton entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1869. With the exception of short intervals taken for rest, he has been an active pastor in the Central New York conference



Hyatt, Photo. H. M. KELLOGG.

ever since, occupying some of the most prominent pulpits in Syracuse, Ithaca, Elmira, Auburn and other large towns. He has just entered upon his fourth year as pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Cortland, N. Y., being the first pastor in its history that has been returned for a fourth year. In 1886 he traveled in Europe, and in 1891 he made an extended tour in Egypt, Palestine, Greece and Italy. He was acting pastor of the North Avenue Congregational church, Cambridge, Mass., from Jan. to Oct., 1896. Strong inducements were held out to him to become its permanent pastor, but he preferred to accept an appointment in his own church, and was appointed by the presiding bishop of his conference to the church at Cortland.

**H. M. Kellogg** has been in business in Cortland continuously since 1871, when he came here from Savannah, Ga., and entered into co-partnership

with David C. Cloyes, and under the firm name of Cloyes & Kellogg was engaged in the crockery and grocery business until 1876. In March of that year Mr. Kellogg and Col. Frank Place bought the hardware store then conducted by Wickwire Bros. at No. 25 Main street, the same location he still occupies, and their partnership relations continued under the firm name of Kellogg & Place until 1881, when Col. Place retired, Mr. Kellogg purchasing his interest and ever since continuing the business alone. In the big fire of 1884 the building was swept away and for about six months or until the store could be rebuilt, the business was carried on under great difficul-



Photo by Harris.

H. M. KELLOGG'S RESIDENCE.

ties in a store now occupied by Burgess. It includes everything in the line of hardware, plumbing, gas fitting, furnaces, water piping, tinning, sheet iron work, roofing, etc. Mr. Kellogg is a veteran of the rebellion, having served through the greater part of the war, and is deeply interested in the welfare of Grover Post, No. 98, G. A. R. of this village, of which he has been a member almost from the organization of the post. He was a charter member of the first post organized in Georgia. He has been past commander of Grover Post and now occupies the position of chaplain. He is prominent as a member of several other societies, the Cortlandville Masonic lodge, the First M. E. church, of which he is a trustee and the clerk of the board, and the Erie & Central New York railroad of which he is a director and the secretary, having occupied those positions for ten years. He has served as United States Loan Commissioner, and for twenty years as railroad commissioner of the town of Cortlandville, a position he still occupies. Mr. Kellogg

listed in Co. G, Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, Col. John C. Lee, afterwards lieutenant-governor of the state, commanding. The term of enlistment was for three years or during the war. Mr. Kellogg served with the same regiment until May 29, 1865, when it was mustered out at Washington. He was in service first in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, then at Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburgh (both campaigns), Chancellerville, Gettysburgh and back into Virginia where the command went into camp, soon after to be packed into box cars and sent to Chickamauga under the command of "Fighting" Joe Hooker to relieve Generals Rosecrans and Thomas who were hemmed in by Bragg. From that time the regiment was in continuous hard service; at Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge; in the four months campaign under Sherman from Lookout Mountain to Atlanta, participating in the battles of Resaca, Tunnel Hill, Marietta, New Hope Church, Kenasaw Mountain and Peach Tree Creek; finally, fighting their way into Atlanta.



THE ELLIS OMNIBUS AND CAB CO.'S WORKS.

was born in the town of Williamstown, Oswego county, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1841. He was educated in the public schools and in the Seneca county academy at Republic, Seneca county, O., which institution he entered in 1853 and until 1858 divided his time between pursuing his studies as a pupil and teaching. In 1859 and '60 he was in the employ of the Little Miami Railroad company, making his home at Cincinnati, O. In February, 1861, he fired the locomotive which drew the train that carried President-elect Lincoln from Cincinnati to Columbus when he made that historic trip to Washington to be inaugurated. The next time he saw the president was when as a private soldier he presented arms on the occasion of the review of the Army of the Potomac by the President. On April 20, 1861, Mr. Kellogg was sworn in as a private in Co. G, Fifth Ohio Volunteers, one of the four regiments which went into the first camp established in Ohio. This was eight days after Fort Sumter was fired upon. From that time until practically the close of the war Mr. Kellogg served in the armies of the union. On Aug. 5, 1862, he re-en-

listed with Sherman in his march from Atlanta to the sea. After being mustered out of active service he returned to Savannah and went into the retail business in that city, being a member of the firm of Stuart & Co., retail grocers. This was in August, 1865. In the spring of '66 he was appointed agency aid in the United States Treasury department. In the fall of the same year he came to McGraw and went into the dry goods business, the name of the firm being Alton & Kellogg, retiring from the firm in the spring of 1868 to accept the position of deputy county clerk for this county, where he remained until August of the same year when he returned to Savannah, Ga., to enter the employ of the Georgia Central Railroad company as bookkeeper. Three months later he was appointed warehouse bond accountant in the United States Customs service in that city and in March, 1871, he resigned to return to Cortland and go into business. On July 12, 1866, he married Ella E. Quantock of Savannah, a lady whose acquaintance he made while with his regiment in that city. They have had three children, one deceased and two living. The two latter are

Mrs. Joseph Puder of Savannah and Miss Carrie R. Kellogg, a recent graduate of the Cortland Normal school. James H., Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg's son, died at the age of 17 years. A young man of bright prospects and who was about to enter the Syracuse university was suddenly removed by the hand of death on Feb. 7, 1888.

**The Ellis Omnibus and Cab Co.** are located on the northeast corner of Railroad and Pendleton streets, and are the successors of the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. The Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. were established in 1850, and were first incorporated in 1890, but were re-incorporated with an increased capital stock in July, 1892, and were run as the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. until Jan., 1896, when the entire business and real estate were purchased by E. E. Ellis, who at that time was the president and treasurer of the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. The name of the business was then changed to Ellis Omnibus and Cab Co. While this is the title of the business, Mr. Ellis is the sole owner and manager of the same. This business has gradually increased until it is one of the largest exclusive builders of omnibuses, wagonettes, cabs and hotel coaches in the United States. This company built the first open and closed street cars that were used by the Cortland and Homer Traction Co. Their work can be found in most every State in the Union, and they are also shipping their large carettes, omnibuses and modern transfer coaches to different parts of Mexico and Bermuda. Mr. Ellis has at the head of each department men of large experience as superintendents, men that have been many years connected with this factory.

E. E. Ellis was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ellis, and was born at Peruville, Tompkins county, N. Y., on May 27, 1850. His boyhood days were spent at his birthplace and at Watkins, N. Y.



E. E. ELLIS.

With the exception of the past eight years, which have been devoted to his present business, he devoted his time principally to the mercantile business at Allentown, Pa., Wilmington, Del., McLean, N. Y., and Etna, N. Y. He was married April 21, 1890, to Miss Alice Blinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander C. Blinn of McLean, N. Y. They have two children, Leo Eugene and Errol Blinn, and all live at their residence, 106 North Main street.

**The Epworth League.**—The Epworth League of the First M. E. church, Cortland, N. Y., was organized and obtained its charter May 15, 1891. Mrs. Ruth B. Avery was the first president.

Previous to this time the society was known as the Young People's association. The organization has been a strong one from its birth; the co-operation and energy of its members have resulted in much good work, since its object from the beginning has been "to promote intelligent and vital piety in the members; to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and in constant growth in grace, and to train them in the works of Mercy and Help." At present there is a total membership of 120. The work of the League is carried on through six departments with their several committees. Devotional meetings are held every Sunday evening one hour before the regular preaching service, and the business meetings are held



Photo by Harris.

E. E. ELLIS' RESIDENCE.



F. L. HARRIS, SOUVENIR ARTIST.

the second Monday evening of each calendar month. The officers of the society are viz.: President, C. F. Weiler; department of spiritual work, Austin White; department of mercy and help, Mrs. N. B. Wilcox; department of literary work, Miss Mary Oday; department of social work, Mrs. A. L. Gladding; department of correspondence, Miss Nina McCarthy; department of finance, Prosper Gillette.

**F. Lincoln Harris**, one of the artists whose work has done so much to make the *Souvenir* a very tasty and handsome publication, occupies a

studio at 79 Main street, which is unusually large and fully equipped for a photographer's studio in a town the size of Cortland. On June 1, 1895, he bought out M. Dever Westcott, coming to Cortland from Skaneateles, where he had conducted a gallery for eight years. The studio is supplied with apparatus to make any kind of work from miniatures to life-sized portraits and for crayons, pastels and oil in which work Mr. Harris has made a study, having taken lessons from competent artists. The gallery has been run a good many years and it is estimated by Mr. Harris that he has here on file at least 15,000 negatives of the living and dead, to which he attaches great value. He was born in the town of Nelson, Madison county, near Cazenovia, September 13, 1860, and in 1875 he began work at the profession he had chosen to follow in a portable gallery for Jordan Brothers of Syracuse; afterwards continuing on the road with P. W. Noble. After two years of experience in a drug store at Cuyler he engaged to learn modern photography with A. A. Johnson of Cazenovia, where he served an apprenticeship of three years, then going to Clyde to take instruction of Prof. J. R. Muth in art work and retouching. He afterwards conducted a gallery on the road and in 1884-86 conducted a gallery in Dryden, going thence to Skaneateles. Mr. Harris did a great deal of scenery viewing in that village and his work in the *Souvenir* shows that he is as accomplished in that line of photography as in portraiture. In 1885 he married Pearl Mynard of East Homer. His business in Cortland has steadily increased and now he has two assistants, Miss I. M. Cayvette and Miss Lillian Hayes, and yet the close of 1899 found him with all he could do on his own hands.

**The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society** of the Homer Avenue Methodist Episcopal church was organized on the 22d day of January, 1891, with 37 members and the following officers: President, Mrs. W. B. Stoppard; vice-presidents, Mrs.



F. L. HARRIS' STUDIO



J. W. CUDWORTH.

Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. N. J. Peck and Mrs. J. J. Walker; corresponding secretary, Helena M. Myers; recording secretary, Mrs. F. L. Bosworth; treasurer, Augustine Crawley. Upon the payment by the members of \$20 to the general fund of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary society for each of the following, they were thereby made life members of that society: Mrs. D. C. Dutcher, Mrs. W. B. Stoppard, Miss Augustine Crawley, Mrs. J. J. Walker, Mrs. Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. T. P. Benjamin, Miss Helen M. Angell. By the payment of \$50 each year the society of this church is supporting and educating an orphan in Italy, as well as sending barrels of clothing to the frontier missionaries in our own land, and boxes of clothing and Christmas gifts to be distributed by our missionaries in Corea and Japan. The following named persons are now in office in this society: President, Miss Helen M. Angell; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. C. B. Moyer, Mrs. Elijah Kelley, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Cornelia Delevan and Mrs. Sherwood; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lincoln Seeber; recording secretary, Mrs. Stephen D. Ballard; treasurer, Miss Augustine Crawley.

**J. W. Cudworth**, well known as a successful specialist in fitting lenses to the eye, was born in Putney, Vermont, and moved to Cortland when 12 years old. In 1865 he went to Bainbridge, N. Y., and learned the trade as watchmaker, serving three years' apprenticeship and then buying the business. In 1874 he was appointed postmaster and he conducted the office in connection with his other business. In 1869 he married Miss Elosia C. Maine of Oxford, N. Y. She died in '94. They had one child, Dr. L. W. Cudworth of Perry, Mich. In 1878 he moved to McGraw, N. Y., and engaged in business. He was twice elected justice of the peace in that district. In 1885 he moved to Oxford, N. Y. In 1890 he sold out his business there and took up the study of the eye. In 1893 he graduated from the N. Y. School of Optics and took up his residence in Cortland. He established offices in some twenty towns, so that he spent but one-fourth of his time here. Upright in his dealings and careful of his patrons' eyes he

has built up a very nice spectacle business. Now he is obliged to spend most of his time here. He has purchased the optical business of W. G. Mead and rented a room in his store which he has fitted up with modern improvements for first-class optical rooms, and there he will spend every week day except Wednesday.

**Adolf Dahm-Petersen**, the noted voice specialist and teacher of artistic singing, is a native of Kristiania, Norway, but has been a resident of this country for the last twenty years. He has for the past three years resided in Ithaca and has during this period maintained a studio in Cortland, and some of the best known local singers are pupils of his. His principal musical training was attained under European masters among whom may be mentioned the celebrated composer, Johan Svendsen, as well as the renowned vocal teacher, Emilio Belari, now of New York city, and he has appeared as soloist with such organizations as the New York Oratorio society, Sousa's band, the Damrosch German Opera company and others, and his performances have been endorsed by the best known critics in N. Y. city and elsewhere as proved by the numerous press notices in his possession. His studio is in the Standard block, Room 15.

**Cortland Science Club.**—On the evening of Sept. 16, 1899, by invitation of Dr. F. W. Higgins, Prof. M. W. Booth, Mr. N. H. Gillette, Major A. Sager, Mr. David Wesson, Dr. F. D. Reese and Mr. F. E. Whitmore, met at Dr. Higgins' office to organize an association for the promotion of science. A committee of three, consisting of Major A. Sager, Dr. F. W. Higgins and Prof. M. W. Booth, at a meeting held Sept. 23, where about fifteen were present, reported a constitution, which was adopted, and the following officers were elected



ADOLPH DAHM-PETERSEN.

to serve until Oct. 1, 1900. President, Dr. F. W. Higgins; vice-president, Major A. Sager; secretary, Mr. A. J. Murray; treasurer, Dr. F. D. Reese. The first meeting after the organization was held in the Hatch Library building, and was addressed by Major A. Sager on "Couchology," Prof. M. W. Booth on "Structural Chemistry," and Mr. F. E. Whitmore on "Plant Structure." On the evening of Nov. 11, 1899, Prof. W. A. Cornish delivered an interesting lecture on "Meteors," and on the evening of Nov. 18 Mr. David Wesson gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Edible Oils and Fats." Its membership is limited to twenty. Each member has the privilege of inviting a friend to its meetings. The present members are: Dr. F. W. Higgins, Major A. Sager, Mr. A. J. Murray, Dr. F. D. Reese, Dr. F. J. Cheney, Prof. M. W. Booth, Prof. W. A. Cornish, Hon. D. W. Van Hoesen, Mr. L. Cooper, Dr. H. C. Hendrick, Mr. J. N. Orr, Mr. F. E. Whitmore, Mr. N. H. Gillette, Mr. H. C. Pierce, Mr. David Wesson, Mr. H. L. Smith, Dr. George H. Smith, Rev. U. S. Milburn.

**W. G. Mead**, the jeweler, has been in business in Cortland since Aug. 1, 1890, when, in company with C. D. Tallmadge, he bought out the business of Myron Dubois, then being conducted at No. 51 Main street. It was continued under the firm name of W. G. Mead & Co. for three years, when Mr. Mead purchased Tallmadge's interest and has since carried it on alone with success. Two years after the co-partnership was dissolved the business was removed to No. 49 Main street next to Warren, Tanner & Co.'s, but on April 21, 1898, Mr. Mead bought the Edgcomb block and moved into his present quarters, after spending considerable money to improve the property and make it available for modern business purposes, as well as to accommodate a large and growing business. While the improvements were being made, from April to September, he was located in the Schermerhorn block. The store is centrally located, and is in all respects very nicely fitted up and well stocked. Mr. Mead is a practical watchmaker and optician, having been while engaged in business at Salamanca the official inspector of time-pieces for the eastern division of the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., and for the western division of the Erie railroad. At the close of 1899 he turned the optical branch of his business over to J. W. Cudworth. The line of goods he handles consists of all kinds of jewelers' wares, watches, diamonds, silverware, etc., as well as fishing tackle, guns and ammunition. In the early part of December, 1899, he put in a line of pianos, taking the agency for Cortland county for Paul G. Mehlin & Sons, Weser Bros and the Gibson Piano Manufacturing Co. Mr. Mead was born in Warsaw, Wyoming county, April 4, 1863, and was educated at Pike seminary. When seventeen years old he entered the employ of J. A. Main, a long established jeweler at Warsaw, where he learned repairing and the general details of the business. In 1881 he went to Fredonia, where he was with F. W. Bartlett for about a year, the next year going to work for F. Woodward at Cattaraugus, and in the spring of 1883 going to Salamanca to work for E. H. Wade as a journeyman. In the fall of 1884 he was employed by L. P. Tarbox at New Brunswick, N. J., and in April, 1885, he went to Ellenville, N. Y., engaged to work for Myron



W. G. MEAD.

Dubois, the man he afterward succeeded when he started in business in Cortland. A few months later Dubois opened a branch store in Livingston Manor, N. Y., in which Mr. Mead subsequently obtained an absolute ownership, and from which he retired in 1886 to engage in business in Salamanca, where in partnership with E. F. Norton he bought the same store in which he a few years before had been employed as journeyman. Four years later he came to Cortland. On Sept. 12, 1888, he married Jessie F. Williams of Salamanca. He is a member of the Cortlandville Masonic Lodge.

**Viewed in Autumn.**—Some one has said that first impressions are the most lasting. This is evidently true with regard to the early influences that cluster around our childhood; and in some degree it is also true with regard to our first introduction into a community. The writer became a resident of Cortland late in the fall of 1897. This was the most unpropitious time of year to receive favorable impressions of the outward appearance at least of any town that might be selected. Trees were stripped of their foliage; cold rains continuing for several days; mud, not mud but mortar from one end of Main street to the other, and extending the full length of every other street, till a stranger might think, if only the material of which the streets were composed had been a little more diluted, that he was in the city of Venice and his only mode of navigation was by means of the ubiquitous gondolier. But all this has changed, for while the trees still drop their summer mantle in obedience to the Ruler of the seasons, and the former and latter rains continue to do his bidding, the people of Cortland have practically annihilated mud with the magnificent asphalt pavement on Main and several adjacent streets, and rendered it a pleasure to drive on these much travelled thoroughfares. Impressions formed at first from the outward appearance of a town are not always a true index of the character of the people. Cortland is a splendid town, enterprising in its business capacity, generous in its spirit of hospitality, loyal to its literary and religious institutions, looking well to those things which tend to elevate and ennoble its people, and frowning down upon evil and evil



W. G. MEAD'S JEWELRY STORE.

doers in a way to make them think this is no place for them. Greater improvements might still be made that would render Cortland much more pleasing to a stranger, but these will come in due time. Elegant stores, beautiful homes, spacious lawns and well paved streets do not give character to a town, but it is the culture and refinement of the people that these indicate, which impresses one and leads him to form his opinion of a town; and so long as the people of Cortland are God-fearing, church-going, Sabbath-keeping and whiskey-hating, no one can long abide here without being well satisfied with his environments.—REV. J. C. B. MOYER.

**Peck Bros.** started in business on Feb. 1, 1896, when they opened the store at 97 Main street, together with a store house in the rear for the sale of agricultural machinery, implements, wagons, sleighs, horse furnishing goods and farmers' supplies. In 1897 they started a lumber business and on April 1, 1899, they took possession of the armory on Main street. This building encloses a space 80 x 220 feet which they have cut up into two departments, viz.: The horse furnishing goods, manufactory and ware rooms, which together with the office, occupies a space 30 x 60 feet, and the display rooms for implements, machinery and vehicles occupying the rest of this large sized building. In the rear of the armory they have established the lumber business. The firm comprises M. J. and L. W. Peck, both of whom are natives of Solon, Cortland county. The Pecks are an old family, one of the earliest in this county. Stephen Peck and his wife, their grandparents, rode horseback through the state from the Hudson river in 1804. Passing through Cortland they settled in the virgin forests, six and a half miles east of the village. There were only four log houses here at that time. They cleared up 210 acres, a farm upon which they raised twelve children, and the title to which has continued in the family. Of that family circle only two remain, Platt Peck at Brookton and Mrs. Emily Burlingham in Cortland, uncle and aunt of M. J. and L. W. Peck. John Peck, their father, and his brother Platt lived and brought up their



M. J. PECK. [Hyatt, Photo.] L. W. PECK.

families together on that farm. M. J. Peck was born March 10, 1869, and educated in the public schools of Solon and McGraw and in the Cortland Normal school. In 1889 he married Gertude M. Smith of Solon and they have one daughter, Bessie L., six years old. Mr. Peck managed four farms, altogether 510 acres, until 1893, when owing to injuries received in a railroad accident while en route to the World's fair, he was compelled to give up farming. He opened a feed store in Cortland and sold farming implements. So successful was he in the latter that during the spring and summer of that year he sold sixty-three machines and getting the purchasers together in Cortland he fed and led them in a parade with their machines out of town headed by a band of music. The following year while with the Hitchcocks he repeated the same scheme. Both events made a hit. He is a member of the



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PECK BROTHERS' SALES AND WAREROOMS.

First Baptist church and is the superintendent of the Sunday school, elected April 1, 1898. L. W. Peck was born in Solon May 16, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of Solon and McGraw, also taking a course in a business college at Poughkeepsie. On June 1, 1887, he married Jennie L. Smith of Solon and the following year upon the death of his father took the old homestead which he managed until 1894 when he retired from farming and located in Cortland, not going into business however until he formed the co-partnership with his brother a year later. He is a member of the First Baptist church. He has two children, Lena M., 10 years old, and Carl J., 4 years old.

plying the factories. Mr. B. B. Jones was the next postmaster. Mr. Jones died before his term expired and C. F. Thompson was appointed acting postmaster until Mrs. Jones could be appointed to fill the unexpired term. During this time the volume of business was on the increase and many improvements were made in the service. Over a year ago the present postmaster, A. S. Brown, assumed the responsibilities of the office. Since then a letter carrier has been added to the force; also a sub-clerk and janitor. The office plan has been overhauled to secure greater conveniences, including two windows at the carriers' delivery and an evening delivery at the factories provided by horse route. The letters are postmarked by



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POSTMASTER AND STAFF.

**The Cortland Post Office**, as far back as can be learned, was located where the Keator block now stands with Andrew Dickson as postmaster. Then under Postmaster Jehiel W. Taylor it was moved up town to the present site of the Burgess block. It was again removed to a building located in the rear of the Savings bank with Hiram Crandall as postmaster, and moved across the street when H. A. Jarvis was postmaster, being at that time a fourth class post office. Jarvis continued in office for over 14 years and before the end of his term it passed to third class office. Then James A. Nixon became postmaster and the business of the office was increased very rapidly so that during his term it was made a second class office. He removed it to its present location and put in the present fixtures. He was succeeded by Postmaster Maybury who installed the carrier service. Next came S. M. Ballard, who, besides improving the service, added the horse route, sup-

plying the factories. It requires 26 pouches per day for the outgoing letter mail while both outgoing and incoming daily mails carry 8,000 letters daily. The papers and packages take about 30 mail bags daily. Fifteen mails, daily, are received and eighteen dispatched. The total amount handled for thirty-five days, from Oct. 3 to Nov. 6, were 20,636 lbs. 15 oz. The office under Postmaster Brown's regime has steadily increased in importance, the postmaster being ever alert to perfect the service and desirous to accommodate the patrons.

#### The Staff.

[Figures are key to portraits.]

- 1 Andrew S. Brown, postmaster.
- 2 George H. Kennedy, deputy postmaster.
- 3 E. Jay Hopkins, mailing clerk.
- 4 Randolph H. Miller, general delivery and stamp clerk.
- 5 James H. Turner, money order department.

- 6 Franklin Jones, substitute clerk.
- 7 William F. Youmans, janitor.
- 8 I. Dan Lester, letter carrier.
- 9 Theo. Sheeley, letter carrier.
- 10 Patrick F. Lyons, letter carrier.
- 11 Samuel L. Palmer, letter carrier.
- 12 Wm. F. Maher, letter carrier.
- 13 George T. Lester, letter carrier.
- 14 Dewitt Howard, letter carrier.
- Oliver Jennison, substitute letter carrier.
- Ernest D. Fiske, substitute letter carrier.

**The Correspondents.**—Clayton H. Buell, the Elmira Sunday Telegram correspondent, in point of experience as a newspaper correspondent is the veteran of them all. At one time he edited a paper of his own—Buell's Saturday Review—in this village, and he has acted as Cortland correspondent for many out of town papers. For some time he resided in Washington, D. C., where he held a government position, and during his stay there he also corresponded for various New York papers. Later he worked on the city staff of some of the metropolitan papers. The Syracuse Herald is represented by Robert E. Kerby, a staff correspondent. Mr. Kerby came here in the fall of 1897, and in less than a year had more than doubled the Cortland circulation of his paper. In August, 1898, he was sent to Seneca Falls, where he established a branch similar to the one in this village. He returned here in November, 1898. Asa J. White, the Syracuse Post-Standard representative in this village, is the most recent acquisition to the ranks of Cortland correspondents. He has had some experience in newspaper work in Ohio, having published a paper there for a time. He began work for the Post-Standard, August, 1899. Eugene Davis, correspondent for the Syracuse Journal and Binghamton Republican and local editor of the Cortland Democrat, is sometimes called the "dean of Cortland journalism," as he is the oldest active newspaper



#### NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

Asa J. White, Syracuse Post-Standard.

Clayton H. Buell, Elmira Telegram.

Eugene Davis, Syracuse Journal. R. E. Kerby, Syracuse Herald.

man in town. He formerly published a paper in Lisle, Broome county, but for the last few years has served as correspondent for various out of town papers. When F. C. Parsons purchased the Democrat about a year ago Mr. Davis was placed in charge of the local news department, where he has been doing good work.



#### THE NORMAL NEWS STAFF.

F. A. Ward,	Frank Pierce,	Thos. J. McEvoy,	C. R. Sanders,	A. W. Armitage,
Asst. Ed.	Local Ed.	Alumni Ed.	Mem. Ex. Com.	Ch'n Ex. Com.
E. B. Robinson,		Charles M. Morse,	Dora C. Mandeville,	
Mem. Ex. Com.		Ed-in Chief.	Literary Ed.	

#### "The Normal News."

—The Normal News is published monthly during the school year by the Delphic fraternity. It is the oldest paper in New York State published by a Normal school. It made its first appearance in 1869 as a paper of twelve pages and was called the "Index Normalis." It was discontinued at the end of the term. In 1879 the paper was revived and published under the name of "The Normal News." The first editor was Hamilton Terry. At first it was issued semi-monthly, but after the first term it was enlarged and changed to a monthly. Many changes have been made in the paper since that time, but it still bears the same name and maintains its position as a "fitting exponent of the school." The paper is and always has been under the exclusive control of what is

now the Delphic fraternity. The literary editor is elected from the other literary societies of the school, and the Alumni editor from among the graduates.

**Grover Post, No. 98**, G. A. R., Cortland, was organized June 14, 1869. The charter members were: J. C. Carmichael, J. T. Pratt, Geo. L. Warren, Frank Place, John Fredericks, Dan'l L. Baker, Wilkins Bridgeford, Aaron Sager, A. P. Smith, J. W. Strowbridge. Department Commander Henry A. Barnum detailed two comrades from Syracuse, H. Wadsworth Clark and George K. Collins as mustering officers. The first election of officers occurred on the day of muster, June 14, 1869, and resulted in the election of the following officers: Commander, J. C. Carmichael; senior vice-commander, Frank Place; junior vice-commander, John Fredericks; adjutant, J. T. Pratt; quarter-master, Geo. L. Waters; surgeon, Aaron Sager; chaplain, Otis Smith; officer of the day, Geo. L. Warren; officer of the guard, John Freer; quarter-master sergeant, John P. White; sergeant-major, Edward Seacord. Three only of

has had 27 different commanders, 9 of whom have passed away. The Post occupies beautiful quarters in the Burgess block, corner Main and R. R. streets, known as Grand Army hall. Through the efforts of comrades of this Post, the Cortland Soldiers' Monumental association was chartered and a beautiful and lasting monument, a work of art and beauty, was erected at a cost of over \$5,000. This monument, erected in 1876, as a "Centennial offering of Cortland county to the memory of those who fought in defense of Union," stands upon Church street facing Court, and is one of the finest in the State of New York; an object lesson in patriotism to the thousands of children who pass it daily. For the past 12 years Grover Post has been aided in its work of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" by an auxiliary association known as Grover Relief Corps, No. 96, W. R. C. This association of ladies has from the beginning been a blessing to the Post and has tended in many ways to strengthen and sustain its every effort. A flourishing Camp of Sons of



[Court House.]

CHURCH ST., NORTH FROM NEAR COURT.

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the charter members survive. The comrades of this post selected the name of one of Cortland's gallant soldiers and most respected citizens, Andrew J. Grover. In 1861 he was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Cortland. He resigned his pastorate, stepped down from the sacred desk, donned the uniform of a Union soldier and taking with him a number of his brethren from his own church he recruited Co. A, 76th N. Y. Vol. Infantry and in command of that company as captain, went forth to fight for the "old flag" he loved so well. On the bloody field of Gettysburg July 1, 1863, while in command of the regiment as major he was instantly killed by a rebel bullet at the very opening of the battle. His remains were brought to Cortland, buried in the Rural cemetery and annually on May 30 his comrades of the Post named after him, decorate his grave with spring's choicest flowers and fire a parting volley of musketry over his honored dust, after which the bugler blows the old army call "lights out." Since its organization Grover Post

Veterans was organized auxiliary to the Post some 10 years ago and was named after James H. Kellogg, the deceased son of one of the Past Commanders, H. M. Kellogg. James H. Kellogg Camp, No. 48, Sons of Veterans, was an organization of which the Post was proud, composed as it was of a membership of intelligent, patriotic young men who took great pride in their work and who were repeatedly honored by the Department. Owing to a lack of numbers, removals from town and deaths, their ranks were decimated and after a record of ten years of faithful work, they surrendered their charter. The present officers of Grover Post are: Commander, Geo. W. Wolcott; Sen. vice-commander, H. B. Greenman; Jun. vice-commander, H. R. Burroughs; adjutant, O. P. Miner; quarter-master, M. E. Corwin; surgeon, Norman Thompson; chaplain, H. M. Kellogg; officer of the day, R. H. Moon; officer of the guard, H. M. Robinson; quarter-master sergeant, M. L. Alexander; sergeant-major, D. C. Beers.

**Grover Relief Corps, No. 96, of Cortland,** was organized April 6, 1887, and the following officers were installed by Sarah C. Mink, then Dept. President: President, Ella E. Kellogg; senior vice-president, Julia G. Sager; junior vice-president, Mary A. Wright; secretary, Sarah H. Place; treasurer, Ellen M. Palmer; chaplain, F. Endell Edgcomb; conductor, Minnie Young; guard, Sarah L. Hill; assistant conductor, Mary Seacord; assistant guard, Emma Baker. Meetings were held in Good Templars' hall and other places un-

president at that time, filled the vacancy the remainder of the year. In 1893 Mrs. Sarah L. Hill was chosen president and served three years. Mrs. F. Endell Edgcomb was then elected president and served two years, then positively declined to serve the third year. Grover Corps has every year observed their anniversary with an entertainment to which the Grover Post, S. O. V. and public are invited. In 1895 Mrs. Ella E. Kellogg surprised the Corps by making them a present of a beautiful and life-like picture of their late presi-



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THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AND PARK.

[*"The American Volunteer."*—The Statue.]

til 1893, when Grover Post, No. 98, W. R. C., and S. O. V. rented rooms in the Burgess block for a term of years. Grover Corps was organized with sixteen members, and steadily increased until in 1897 the membership reached 79, but, owing to some going out of town, and several deaths, the membership has decreased to 61. Mrs. Kellogg had the office of president four years. Mrs. Carrie Van Hoesen scarcely one year, when she met her death, by being thrown from her carriage. Nettie A. Phillips who was acting as senior vice-

dent, Carrie Van Hoesen, and on their tenth anniversary they were the proud and happy recipients of a beautiful banner presented by Grover Post. Grover Corps has had but one treasurer, Mrs. Ellen A. Palmer, who has performed her duties so faithfully and correct they have never wished to make a change. The present officers are: President, Alice A. Hoxie; senior vice-president, Lovina Burroughs; junior vice-president, Harriet L. Davis; secretary, Aurelia M. Gilbert; treasurer, Ellen M. Palmer; chap-

lain, Eliza M. Fredericks; conductor, Linnie A. Robbins; guard, Sarah A. Sandwick; assistant conductor, Mary F. Gillett; assistant guard, Nancy J. Canfield; color bearers, No. 1, F. Endell Edgcomb; No. 2, Sarah L. Hill; No. 3, Julia G. Sager; No. 4, Mary S. Alexander.

**The Free Methodist Church.**—About ten years ago Rev. B. Winget came to Cortland and held a series of meetings in a large tent, which revival effort finally resulted in the organization of the Free Methodist church. Mr. Winget organized the society in 1891. Rev. W. H. Clark was the first regular pastor, who served for two years.



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FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. Winget succeeded him and built the church edifice which is located on Schermerhorn street. Rev. H. W. Fish followed and during his term of service (1893-4) he erected the parsonage. The other pastors which have served are O. S. Baker, 1895-6; W. J. Riker, 1897-8; D. W. Clark, 1899; O. M. Owen, who has recently moved here. The church and parsonage property is valued at \$4,000.

**Rev. O. M. Owen**, the present pastor of the Free Methodist church, is the son of Rev. E. Owen, who, while the War of the Rebellion was in progress, served two years as pastor of the First M. E. church of Cortland. The son attended the old

wooden academy for a time, when Mr. Carver was principal, and also for a season during H. M. Dodd's principalship. He was graduated at Cazenovia seminary in 1869. In 1871 he joined the Susquehanna conference of the Free Methodist church and has served the principal charges in the state, such as Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Binghamton, Rochester, besides having several times acted as District (Presiding) Elder. He is the author of several books such as "Ingersoll Answered from the Bible," "Rum, Rags and Religion," "The Great Celestial R. R." etc. He has recently moved from Buffalo to Cortland and is just commencing his pastorate in this city.

#### Sager & Jennings.—This

is the oldest drug firm in Cortland, dating back to Centennial year, April 1, '76. The business to which they succeeded was established by the senior partner, A. Sager, Oct. 15, 1858, in the building No. 15 N. Main street, now occupied by Mr. James M. Churchill as a residence. Shortly after, he moved to a small building belonging to Mr. James A. Schermerhorn, next to the postoffice, which was then located on the present site of The National Bank. Here the business was continued until the fall of 1861, when it was sold to Dr. T. C. Pomeroy. After serving his country in the War of the Rebellion as a captain in the 76th Reg. N. Y. S. Vols. until March, 1863, when he was mustered out for disability from wounds, Mr. Sager again established himself in business on the corner of Main street and Clinton avenue, then Mill street, in a building known as the Barnard block. On Jan. 11, 1869, a co-partnership was formed with Mr. T. W. Dalton, under the firm name of A. Sager & Co. Mr. Dalton withdrew from the firm in March, 1870, to engage in business in the oil region of Pennsylvania. On May 23, 1870, Mr. W. A. Pierce became a partner and the business was conducted under the same name as before for two years, when Mr. Pierce withdrew to engage in business in Syracuse in the firm of Smith & Pierce, druggists.

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After this Mr. Sager was sole proprietor until April 1, 1876, when Mr. Emmett F. Jennings, who had been in his employ for three years, became a member of the present firm. By close attention to business and strict integrity in dealing with the public the firm has been successful from the beginning. For many years, paints, oils and varnishes have been an important addition to their business. They have been the sole agents for the sale of Harrison Bros.' ready mixed Town and Country paints. Their line of drugs, proprietary medicines and druggists' sundries is complete. In fact everything will be found here kept in a

well-equipped city drug house. The senior member of the firm, Maj. A. Sager, is a native of Albany county. His boyhood was spent at the capital of the state. During the year 1848 his family moved to the city of Syracuse, N. Y. In 1855 he began the study of medicine in the office of Hoyt & Mercer, Prof. Alfred Mercer of Syracuse university being a member of the firm. In June, 1856, he took up his residence in Cortland, but still pursued his studies until he embarked in the drug trade. He became a prominent member of the New York State Pharmaceutical association, having been elected successively to the offices of third and first vice-presidents, and in 1888 to the presidency of the association. Mr. Emmett F. Jennings was born in the town of Palermo, Oswego Co., N. Y. He graduated from the Mexico academy, after which he took a thorough course of chemistry in the University of Illinois. Mr. Jennings is a careful and reliable pharmacist, and has paid special attention to the prescription department of the establishment. Mr. A. F. Sager, son of the senior member of the firm, is in their employ. He has had several years of experience in one of the most popular retail drug stores in Syracuse. Mr. Harry Greenman has been in their employ for several years. The store of Sager & Jennings is located on the corner of Main street and Clinton avenue, the center of the trolley system, and here a large proportion of the passengers from our neighboring villages alight from the cars. The store affords a convenient and comfortable waiting room for them.



EMMETT F. JENNINGS. A. SAGER. [See Sk. P. 50, Hyatt Photos.]

**The Epworth League**, Homer Avenue M. E. church, was organized in the fall of 1890, during the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Hamilton, with Mr. Lewis Wilcox (now Rev.) as president. The charter is No. 4348, dated Dec. 22, 1890. The league has always been one of the strongholds of the church, each department doing its work in assisting pastor, Sunday-school superintendent

and the church generally. Our roll book shows a membership of 210. The regular business meetings are held the first Wednesday evenings of each month. The devotional meetings are held one hour before the evening service each Sabbath. These meetings are very beneficial and well attended. The average attendance for the past two years has been 55. The annual election of officers occurs the first Wednesday evening in May. The present cabinet is: President, Hiram B. Ingalls; first vice-president, Ina Parmiter; second vice-president, Martha Seeber; third vice-president, Stella French; fourth vice-president, Benjamin A. Nichols; secretary, Grace Keeler; treasurer, Howard Moyer; chairman of missionary committee, Effie Hallock.



Harris Photo. SAGER & JENNINGS' DRUG STORE.

**M. A. Case** started in business in Cortland in 1894, in the store he has since occupied, at the head of the firm of Case, Ruggles & Bristol. In 1896 Case & Ruggles bought out Bristol, and in August, 1898, Mr. Case succeeded Ruggles. The store from the beginning has been conducted along the lines of straight dry goods and ladies' ready-made furnishing goods, including silk waists, muslin goods, underwear, hosiery and kid gloves. Of course, the stock includes all that is usually found in the dry goods line, but the specialties above enumerated comprise the features of the trade enjoyed by this house. It may be summarized by saying that everything ready for ladies to wear is included

except shoes and millinery. The business is located at No. 71 Main street, in the Second National Bank building, where it was newly opened by the first named firm, and occupies the main floor and a part of the second floor. The store comprising the general part of the business is 20x90, while the cloak and ladies' wear department are in an L 20x30. M. A. Case was born in Granville, Pa., Dec. 21, 1859. Upon leaving school he entered the dry goods store of E. E. Loomis at Troy, Pa., and nine months later entered the employ of Newberry, Peck & Co., of the same place, where he remained nine years, getting the experience which has proven so valuable to him since then. In 1888 the firm of Case, Ruggles & Leonard was organized to carry on a dry goods business at Athens, Pa., Leonard retiring a year later and the

firm continuing as Case & Ruggles down to the time when the Cortland store was opened and Bristol was taken in as the third member of the firm. When Mr. Case succeeded to the ownership of the Cortland house he disposed of his interest in the Athens store, which was conducted by Case & Ruggles during the four years they were together here. Mr. Case married Lillie Gregg of Troy, Pa., Dec. 27, 1881, and they have two sons, both in the Normal school, Fred and Donald.

**United American Mechanics.**—The Cortland Council No. 74, O. U. A. M., was instituted March 24, 1893, with the following charter members: Charles A. Lownsberry, Bert Card, C. E. Ingalls, L. E. Burnham, C. S. Bull, E. M. Santee, I. G.

Jenks, W. H. Dickenson, George B. French, L. B. Snow, R. H. Miller, E. Jay Hopkins, B. T. Wright, Fred Burke, M. C. Eastman, N. M. Barrett, F. C. Hodges, Benj. Hamilton, S. S. Horton, C. H. Warren, Avery Thomas, C. H. Drake, C. D. Green. The present officers are: Councilor, Norman Thompson; vice-councilor, J. J. Glann; recording secretary, F. W. Kingsbury; assistant recording secretary, J. B. Hunt; financial secretary, L. H. McGraw; treasurer, J. H. Johnson; inductor, Jas. Maynard; examiner, Leroy Call; inside protector, Charles Mosbier; outside protector, W. R. Austin; junior ex-councilor, G. F. Dann; senior ex-councilor, J. R. Birdleough; trustees, J. B. Hunt, W. W. Hout, Henry Greenman; representative to State council, L. E. Burnham; represent-



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M. A. CASE—CLOAK DEPARTMENT.



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M. A. CASE—MAIN FLOOR.

atives to National council, J. B. Hunt, Norman Thompson; deputy State councilor, J. B. Hunt. The present number of active members is one hundred, and the order is in a very flourishing condition.

**A. W. McNett**, the laundryman, came to Cortland from Newark, N. Y., in February, 1896, and bought out the laundry of Bosworth & Co., then running at the same location, No. 12 West Court street. McNett & Tanner was the name of the new firm which continued as such until February, 1898, when Mr. McNett assumed entire ownership. This was followed by taking out all the old machinery and putting in that which is new and modern at an expense of about \$2,000 during the past two years. With the addition of wagons, sleighs and horses the equipment of the laundry is complete. In all respects it is a laundry up to the best mark for all that kind of work. Mr. McNett was born at Sodus Point, Wayne Co., N. Y., Dec. 25, 1855, and at fourteen years of age he went on the lakes to learn marine engineering, which he followed for twenty years, working for the Lehigh Valley and the Bradley Transportation companies and running between Buffalo, Chicago and Duluth. During 1888 he was in the railway mail service on the mail routes between New York and Syracuse. In 1890 he moved to Newark, N. Y., where three years later he bought out the laundry business of Dart & Co. He is a member of the National Association of Engineers, to which he was a delegate at St. Louis in 1898, and is also a member of the Vesta lodge, Elon encampment and Canton Cortland, I. O. O. F. He is also a Forrester. On March 10, 1876, he married Mary E. Tinklepaugh of Sodus.



Hyatt, Photo. A. W. McNETT.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**, Cortland, N. Y., was organized Jan. 27, 1897, as a branch of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., the mother church of Christian Science. It had held regular Sunday services for a period of nearly two years in the rooms of Vesta Lodge, I. O. O. F. Services have been held in the Samson block regularly since July 3, 1898.

The order of services is similar to that commonly followed in other churches, except that the lesson sermon is identical with that used in all christian science churches, being composed of readings from the Bible and their spiritual explanation as given in the Christian Science text book. The Wednesday evening meeting, held weekly at 7:45 o'clock at the church room, gives opportunity to hear testimonies of the efficacy of this divinely natural system of healing through the operation of God's law, whereby good overcomes evil through the understanding of the omnipotence of divine truth and love.

#### **Lincoln Lodge No. 119, I. O.**

G. T., was organized by Rev. Silas Ball, G. C. T., in the old Water Witch Hose room on Oct. 24, 1866. Col. Nelson W. Green was the first chief templar, and Mr. F. Goldsmith occupies that position at present. With the exception of the first year the lodge has occupied its present hall in the old Squires building. Over sixteen hundred people have enrolled their names with the lodge. A large part of Cortland's leaders in financial, social and religious circles were at one time or another connected with the lodge. Lodge meets Friday evenings.



Photo by Hyatt.

A. W. McNETT'S LAUNDRY.

**McKinney & Doubleday**, dealers and jobbers in books, stationery, wall paper and window shades, are the largest jobbing house in wall paper in the state outside of New York City, employing four traveling men the year around and supplying a large part of the trade in the eastern and New England states and Canada. The sales of wall paper by this house when it was conducted by D. F. Wallace & Co. reached the high mark in one year of 1,750,000 rolls. This was about eight years ago, a year or so before the manufacturers took the business out of the hands of the jobbers. Within the past few years the jobbing of this house has begun to climb up to its former proportions. Since Oct. 1, 1899, the business has more than doubled that of the previous year, and bids fair to triple it before the close of the present season. Taking the retail business in connection with jobbing and the bindery, the firm employs during the usual run of trade about twenty people, altogether more than any previous year. The business was established in 1870 by Mahan & Wallace, the latter of whom still retains an

interest, although not an active member of the firm. In the beginning it consisted of the usual stationery lines and musical instruments. Three or four years later Mr. Mahan retired and the musical line was dispensed with. After the retirement of Mr. Mahan, Mr. Wallace conducted the business alone until 1890, when William G. McKinney, the senior partner of the present firm, and Mr. O. C. Smith became interested and with Mr. Wallace formed the firm of D. F. Wallace & Co. On July 1, 1895, Wallace & Co. sold out to the present firm. Since the business came into the present hands the best class of fine arts has been added with the view of giving Cortland people a selection fully as tempting as is offered by the



Photo by Harris.

MCKINNEY &amp; DOUBLEDAY.—Wallace Building.

best city houses. The stationery and book business is a considerable part of the retail trade. The bindery is the only one in this section of the state and naturally draws a large patronage. Mr. McKinney was born in the town of Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., May 11, 1857, and lived in the towns of Dryden and Virgil until he was 23 years old when he entered the employ of D. F. Wallace as clerk and worked his way into a position where he was able to step into a proprietary place. His knowledge of the business and the acquaintance-ship which he formed in the course of a ten years' clerkship, recommended him as a desirable partner and he was accordingly admitted as has been stated with Mr. Smith as the third member of the

firm in 1890. Mr. F. J. Doubleday was born in the town of Scott, Cortland Co., Sept. 28, 1850, and was educated in the public schools and the Homer academy. In 1871 he came to Cortland and associated himself in the firm of Fitzgerald, Gee & Co., manufacturers of wagons, representing the interests of his father in the business. A year later he entered into partnership with his father in the furniture and undertaking business, which they started at that time in Cortland under the business name of Doubleday & Son. Three or four years afterwards he went into real estate transactions, in the course of which he purchased a large tract of land in the northern part of the village and, opening a street and cutting the property into lots and putting them



Photo by Harris. MCKINNEY &amp; DOUBLEDAY.—Interior of Store.

on the market, was the means of opening up a considerable neighborhood to the benefit of the community and with pecuniary advantage to himself. In 1874 he married Elizabeth Stafford of Cortland. In 1895-'7 he served as alderman from the Fourth ward, but has since kept out of politics. He is a member of the Congregational church and for eleven years has served continuously as the superintendent of the Sunday-school in that church.

**Grace Episcopal Church.**—It was not until the third meeting called to organize the church that the first step was taken. The meetings held on

July 7 and 17, 1847, were adjourned, owing to some doubt "as to the propriety of organizing a church according to law at this time." On Aug. 28, about a month later, twelve persons met and resolved to "incorporate themselves as a religious society in communion with the Protestant Episcopal church in the U. S. A., and that the said church and congregation be known in law by the name and title of 'The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Grace Church, in the Town of Cortlandville, in the County of Cortland.'" E. Maxwell Leal prepared the certificate of incorporation on Sept. 10, 1847, and it was recorded in the office of the clerk of the county on Oct. 14, 1847. It was signed by William H. Shankland, chairman of the meeting, Lyman Reynolds and Mr. Maxwell, and was witnessed by Harvey S. Brown and Hiram Crandall. On Aug. 10, 1848, the certificate was forwarded by the clerk of the vestry to the Rt. Rev. DeLancey, Bishop, for the purpose of having the church received into the convention of the diocese of Western New York. During the ensuing period of ten years the congregation worshipped in several places that could be obtained as circumstances required; the court house, the old academy, the Universalist, the Methodist and the Baptist churches, at the same time keeping up the requirements of the society, holding Easter elections and sending delegates annually to the diocesan convention. At a meeting held Oct. 16, 1858, it was resolved to erect a church building, and Messrs. Josiah P. Ingraham, William O. Barnard and James A. Schermerhorn were appointed a building committee. Horace Dibble, senior warden, presided at that meeting. The subscribers to the building fund were: Jonathan Hubbard, T. Fairchild, Hiram Crandall, Wm. P. Barnard, J. A. Schermerhorn, I. P. Ingraham, J. M. Henriques, Horace Dibble, W. E. Lewis, J. D. Robinson, W. H. Warren, Dr. M. Spank, Ellen Belden, W. W. Fanning, Orrin Welch, Mrs. P. L. Benedict, Arrabella H. Welch, P. D. Cornwell, Theodore Cornwell, S. J. Hathaway, J. A. Graham, C. C. Taylor, Mrs. Wheeler, O. N. Doud, S. E.

Welch, G. N. Copeland, Mrs. A. M. Hawks, John Rose, Wm. H. DeLancey, Calvin S. Hathaway, Joseph Reynolds, Horace Baker, Daniel Bradford, W. W. Deming, L. C. Allis, Elijah Hubbard, A. Gallagher, H. L. Green, H. P. Goodrich, Charles Foster, Loren F. Thompson, Allen B. Smith, H. O. Jewett, Harriet Welch, J. C. Pomeroy and P. B. Davis. On Dec. 21, 1859, the vestry acknowledged the gift of a communion service from Horace and Hamilton White of Syracuse and a set of church books from Andrew Dickson of New York. About this time the building was finished and on July 13, 1860, after services had been held for some time



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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

in the church, Bishop DeLancey consecrated the edifice. For more than twenty-five years the parish received a stipend from the Mission board of the diocese to aid in defraying the expenses. In 1868 the vestry elected Wm. H. Crane, Wm. H. Shankland and Charles Turner as delegates to the primary convention of the new Central New York diocese to choose a bishop, and in June, 1869, Horace Dibble and Charles Parker were elected delegates to the first annual convention of the diocese. In 1871 H. B. Hubbard, who has year after year been re-elected to that position without opposition, was chosen treasurer. At a meeting on April

29, 1873, it was resolved to purchase an organ and a few days later Messrs. Hooker, Mahan and Benjamin were appointed to make the necessary repairs and alterations to accommodate the instrument. The first official action taken to secure the erection of a new edifice was at a meeting held in April, 1886, when it was resolved that the rector should appoint a committee of which he, the rector, should be a member ex-officio to solicit subscriptions. Messrs. Webb, Mager and Hubbard were named as such a committee. The church had for several years held title to land donated for that purpose by William R. Randall, A. R. Huntington and Wilhelmina Randall, whose deed of conveyance was dated March 27, 1860. This plot was increased in size by the donation of a small parcel adjoining by Mrs. M. Liuda Miller. The building committee appointed April 25, 1887, comprised Rev. Mr. Arthur, and Messrs. Hubbard, Benjamin, Mahan and Mager. On April 10,

zation, has done much to win the esteem and gratitude of vestry and people. For many years the congregation enjoyed the advantage of a quartette choir who assisted the services of the church with music of unusual excellence at very little expense to the parish. The present chorus choir has deserved since its appearance the gratitude of the congregation for its faithfulness and efficiency." "The St. Agnes Guild, again, is an organization which deserves the practical sympathy and support of the parish, especially of the mothers of girls up to twelve or fourteen years of age. It is entirely missionary in its work, and its members learn while young that the church calls upon its members for helpfulness and self denial."

**The Missionary Society** of the Congregational church was formed in 1882, with Mrs. Helen M. Waters as its first president. During the early years of its history the society was, in a most lit-



"Stand. Ind. Ed." TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER, FROM PORT WATSON ST. BRIDGE. (Site of Port Watson.)  
Photo by Butler.

1887, the old building was de-consecrated by formal sentence of Bishop Huntington, who on April 12, 1888, consecrated the present building. In a sermon from which the above facts are taken, prepared and delivered by the Rev. Amos Watkins, the present rector of the church, he adds: "Over and over again the records of the vestry speak with thankfulness of generous and timely assistance given them by the ladies of the parish. A sewing society was very early formed by the women of Grace church and such an organization, whether sewing society or guild, has done much good in the past and has deserved the gratitude of the whole parish. I trust that, as hitherto, so henceforward patient, well directed energy will be the mark of that organization, and that the crown of usefulness and good work will be theirs in the future as it has been in the past. The Young People's society, of comparatively recent organi-

eral sense, a home missionary society, as it devoted all the money raised toward furnishing the home church and in paying a sum each year on the church indebtedness. After a few years the society began making yearly pledges to the different Congregational missionary societies, giving for both home and foreign work. At the same time they still aided in meeting expenses incurred in any church improvements. Their business meetings are held the first Friday of each month in the church parlor. These are followed by a pleasant social hour, after which the ladies serve supper. These gatherings are largely attended and have always been an important element in the social life of the church. The membership of the society is about one hundred and the present officers are: Mrs. A. E. Buck, president; Mrs. Lora B. Snyder, secretary; Mrs. Ida Dunsmoor, treasurer.



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N. H. Gillette.

THE GILLETTE SKIRT CO.

General View of the Building.

The Sewing Room.

**The Gillette Skirt Co.**—This company began the manufacture of skirts three years ago. Their first factory was located in a small building on Port Watson street. A few months only had elapsed before a change to larger quarters was found to be necessary and the Wells block was secured. Here the business has been conducted on the second and third floors of the building. This has proved too small for present requirements and the company has purchased the property formerly occupied by the Cortland Corset Co. on Homer avenue and Miller street. This will furnish several times their present capacity for producing goods. The illustrations show the exterior of their new factory and the interior of the one occupied at present. The success of the Gillette Skirt Co. has been won against great odds. There is perhaps no business in which there is stronger competition than in the manufacture of skirts. This company began business by selling their product to canvassing agents and by aiming to make the best petticoats possible for the money, they have built up a reputation second to none for a superior class of goods. A year ago a ladies' tailoring department was opened and it has been a pronounced success from the start. Their suits have given such universal satisfaction that customers send from long distances. A large shipment of custom work is sent to Syracuse each week. The demand from out of town has been so great that but little local work could be done. With the added facilities that the new factory will give it is hoped to do much of the high class of work for the women of Cortland which has pre-

viously gone to Syracuse and New York. This department is in charge of Madame Allsoppe, a modiste of wide experience, who by frequent visits to New York keeps in touch with the latest



"DON'T I LOOK FINE IN MAMMA'S SKIRT?"  
Photo by Harris.

things from Paris. The present year a new line of skirts was made for the trade which are known as New York skirts. Mr. H. B. Pomeroy of Syracuse was secured to take the management of this department and to look after the sales in New York state. A line of wrappers is being worked out. This branch of the business is known as the New York Skirt & Wrapper Co. A very satisfactory business has developed during the year, and promises well for the future. The president and general manager of the company is Mr. N. H. Gillette. The superintendent is Mrs. Ella Hoag. They have associated with them an able and efficient corps of office assistants and heads of departments. Special care is taken in the selection of the workers and it is safe to say that but few factories in the state can show such an intelligent and superior class of help as can be found at work in the factory of the Gillette Skirt Co. Previous to coming to Cortland Mr. Gillette was for many years connected with Warner Bros. in New York. He was born in East Scott, Cortland Co. He is a member of Aurora Grata lodge, F. & A. M., Brooklyn; also an active member of the Presbyterian church and the Science club of Cortland.

**Dr. Ellis M. Santee** has practiced medicine in Cortland since March, 1890. He studied medicine with Dr. E. B. Nash of Cortland, and took a two years' course at the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, where he took a post-graduate course under the well-known homeopathic preceptor, Prof. J. T. Kent. Next he took a course in the Homeopathic Medical College at St. Louis, where he had the benefit of another well-known homeopathist, Prof. W. L. Reed, and at which he was graduated after taking an advance examination in order to fill the position of resident physician at Hahnemann Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., to which he was appointed by the faculty from among forty-six classmates. Here he had the instruction of Dr. Joseph A. Biegler. Dr. Santee was born at Hughesville, Pa., Aug. 13, 1862, and was educated in the public schools and at the New Columbus, Pa., academy. At the time he was in attendance



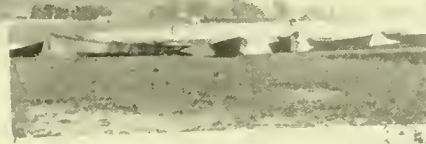
ELLIS M. SANTEE, M.D.

at the latter institution he began the study of medicine and to obtain means to get a medical education he taught school and subsequently, for two years, occupied the position of general agent for a New York book firm. While in Cortland in 1881, in the interest of the house he was traveling for, he met Miss Bulah B., the daughter of John S. Barber, and on Dec. 22, 1883, they were married, at once taking up their residence in this village. The Barber homestead, a very pleasant residence on Groton avenue, near the business center of the village, has, since the death of Mr. Barber, become the home of Dr. and Mrs. Santee. The doctor takes an active interest in amateur sports and photography, having professional knowledge and experience in the latter, and is especially interested

in promoting events which advance the welfare of wheelmen, being author of N. Y. State Tour Book and N. Y. State Road Maps. He is now chairman of the Cortland County Side-Path Commission. The doctor is also largely interested in real estate matters. On the opposite page is an illustration of his summer home, Elm Bluff, at Little York lake. The launch in the foreground is the "Elizabeth Gray," which he launched in the summer of 1898. He is a member of the Medico Chirurgical Society of Central New York, is a contributor to many medical publications and author of Santee's Repertory of Convulsions. Nine years' steady effort was devoted to compiling the genealogy of his family, a book which he published in 1899, and he became so interested in the matter that he has since published a periodical devoted to that subject. He is secretary and treasurer of the County Homeopathic Medical Society and clinical secretary of the Inter-State Homeopathic Medical Society.



ELLIS M. SANTEE'S RESIDENCE.—J. S. Barber Homestead.



Photos by Dr. Santee.  
The Old Log Cabin.

LITTLE YORK LAKES.  
Dr. Santee's Summer Home.  
Mt. Toppin.  
Raymond's Landing.  
The Outlet.

The Bridge.

**John S. Barber** was born of humble parentage near Ninevah, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1824. His early life was spent on the farm with such educational advantages as the rural schools afforded. At about seventeen he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker in Ithaca, N. Y., to learn a trade. While working as a journeyman cabinet maker he drifted to Guilford, N. Y., where he met Elizabeth Lacy Warner, whom he married Dec. 22, 1847, soon after which he moved to Berkshire, N. Y., where he worked at his trade for two years, going to Whitney Point, where he remained about the same time, coming to Cortland in 1857, where he entered the law office of M. M. Waters. His rise in the profession was rapid and brilliant, so that in a very short time he was known and respected as one of the best attorneys of the Cortland county bar. In early life he was affiliated with the Democratic party, and twice led the "forlorn hope" for the Cortland county judgeship. After the war he joined the Republican party and remained there until his death. He was thrice elected president of Cortland village, and always referred with pride to his record in that office. He speculated largely in real estate and was very successful in it. He was especially interested in furnishing homes to the laboring men on easy payments, and many a man is to-day living in a home which he has 100 years to pay for, through Mr. Barber's interest in that direction. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Barber adopted a little girl who was given their name and grew up in their home. She is now the wife of Dr. Ellis M. Santee of this village. In the early seventies Mr. Barber erected what is now the American hotel, in which he had his office until near the time of his death. In 1880, erected the Barber block, which stood where the Opera House now stands; he lived there until it burned down in 1883, when he bought the Bradford place at 22 Groton avenue, which he improved and lived in up to the time of his death. He was one of the early members of Vesta Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., and remained a member as long as he lived. In the fall of 1887



JOHN S. BARBER.



ELIZABETH L. BARBER.

he had a shock of paralysis from which he never rallied and from the effects of which he died March 2, 1888. He was a man of strong force of character, a ready thinker, a fluent and forceful speaker, of sound judgment and large executive and business ability, who was closely allied to all that tended to benefit and advance the interests of Cortland during the thirty years that he lived here. His widow still lives in the old home with Dr. and Mrs. Santee. She is over eighty, is well and hearty, with a prospect of many years of a contented, happy old age.

**Edwin H. Hyatt**, who is entitled to considerable credit for the very excellent work he has done for the Cortland Souvenir, has been in the photographic business in Cortland for ten years.

During that time his business has steadily increased, especially during the past year. The studio, at No. 41½ Main street, is furnished in a tasty and attractive manner, and is fully equipped with all of the latest paraphernalia for first-class work. Himself and two assistants are kept busy throughout the year. Miss Temple is one of the best of retouchers, and Mr. Silcox as a finisher is not surpassed. A great deal of the time extra help is employed. Mr. Hyatt was born at Cazenovia, Madison county, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1867, and attended the Cazenovia seminary. He first went into the photographic business as an employee of Stewart & Yoost, Oneida, in August, 1887. The following year he engaged with Fowler at Herkimer, and in 1889 came to Cortland and formed a co-partnership with Tooke, succeeding C. H. Overton, and continuing the gallery under the firm name of Hyatt & Tooke. A year ago the latter retired.

"St. Agnes' Guild" of Grace church was organized in 1889. It was re-organized in 1890 by the Rev. Wm. Bours Clarke, then rector of Grace church, into the Junior branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. It consists of members of the Sunday-school, and its work is strictly of a missionary character. Meetings are held in the Guild room



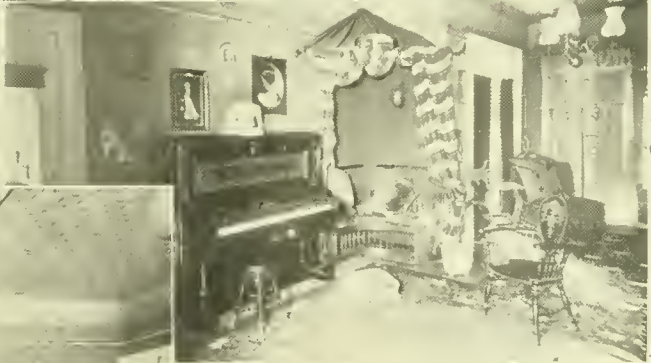
"GRIP'S" CORTLAND SOUVENIR ARTISTS.

Miss Eva A. Temple. Edwin H. Hyatt. W. H. Silcox.

every fortnight, from October to May. The officers are: President, Miss Edith Bull; vice-president, Miss Ada Landreth; secretary, Miss Alma O'Brien; treasurer, Miss May Riley; directresses, Mrs. Abram M. Schermerhorn, Miss Jane Thurston Guild.

**Y. P. S. C. E.**—On the evening of Sept. 17, 1883, there was gathered in the chapel of the First Congregational church a group of young people, called hither by their pastor, Rev. H. T. Sell, now

W. H. Latimer; secretary and treasurer, Miss Ella E. Rosa. The committees were three in number, prayer-meeting, lookout and social. The membership was then active 33, and associate 12. Thus was organized the first society of Christian Endeavor in the state of New York. The first prayer-meeting held by the society, as such, was upon the following Sunday evening, Sept. 23, and "was a memorable event, seemingly a guarantee of the blessings which have followed." The first



Photos by Hyatt.

EDWIN H. HYATT'S STUDIO.

of Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of forming a young people's society. Pastor Sell spoke briefly of the grand work which was, even then, being achieved by the societies of Christian Endeavor in various directions. The constitution of the first society of its kind ever organized, that of the Williston Society of Christian Endeavor, Portland, Me., with such amendments as were deemed advisable, was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, H. A. Carmer; vice-president,

experience meeting was held Wednesday evening, Oct. 3. We have reason to believe that our work, under God, has not been in vain; aye, even our own hearts have felt its reflex action. Our present membership is: Active 86, associate 5, honorary 16. The officers are: President, Florence M. Chaffee; vice-president, George O. Moore; recording secretary, Rosamond Robinson; corresponding secretary, Lena E. Dalton; treasurer, Florence M. Tupper.

**Cortlandville Grange, No. 461.**—The farmers living in the outskirts of Cortland village are a thrifty, industrious class of people, and as a means of promoting sociability and of interchanging views upon matters pertaining to their occupation, they organized a local grange with twenty-three charter members, known as Cortlandville Grange, No. 461, P. of H., July 7, 1882. The regular meetings for the first three months were held in Good Templar hall, about three miles west of Cortland village. The first officers of the grange were: Master, Dan. F. Hopkins; overseer, John S. Winter; lecturer, John S. McMaster; steward, Leonard J. Stafford; assistant steward, John S. Simmons; chaplain, James Jenman; treasurer, Thurber Warfield; secretary, Leonard Kinney; gate keeper, Horatio N. Rogers; pomona, Mrs. A. Williams; flora, Mrs. Fannie Kinney; ceres, Mrs. John S. Winter; lady assistant steward, Mrs. D. F.

**The Junior League** of the Homer Avenue M. E. church was organized in 1892 with Mrs. C. E. Hamilton (wife of the pastor) as superintendent, and Mr. J. J. Walker as her assistant. Previous to this there had been a boys' meeting, led by Mrs. Walker, and a girls' meeting, led by Mrs. Hamilton. These, being merged into each other, formed the original Junior League. Lucien Gallingier, Arthur Allen and Edith Swift were some of the early presidents. One of its charter members, Willie Seeber, has passed into the bright hereafter. The present officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. Eunice Seeber; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilbur; president, Gertrude Ryan; first vice-president, Eva Bowen; second vice-president, Edna Kelley; third vice-president, Florence Dunham; fourth vice-president, Emma Bowen; secretary, Jennie Melvin; treasurer, Mertie Allen. Present membership is one hundred.



DAYTON BLOCK CORTLAND VILLAGE  
CORNER MAIN AND PORT WATSON STREETS, 1895.

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Hopkins. This grange has had seasons of prosperity and adversity, sometimes the attendance and membership being small, and the prospect looked dark to the few faithful followers. For several weeks past the grange has enjoyed a steady growth in membership, and the interest in the discussions is greater than for some years. The meetings are now held in G. A. R. hall, Cortland village, on the second and fourth Monday evenings in each month. The present officers are as follows: Master, L. E. Burnham; overseer, Mrs. H. M. Phillips; lecturer, Mrs. L. E. Burnham; steward, H. M. Phillips; assistant steward, Leonard Kinney; chaplain, Mrs. Ella Kinney; treasurer, Sanford Buchanan; secretary, G. A. Wilbur; gate keeper, M. W. Kinney; pomona, Mrs. Loucks; flora, Mrs. Fanny Kinney; ceres, Mrs. L. N. Hopkins; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Almeron Loucks.

**Congregational Chapel, East Side.**—The branch work of the East Side was undertaken by the Congregational church, Sunday, April 12, 1895. A Sunday-school, a Y. P. S. C. E., a Ladies' Aid society and a mid-week prayer-meeting were organized at once and have been well sustained. For two years regular preaching service and pastoral work were carried on by special workers engaged for that purpose. The first superintendent was Mrs. A. E. Buck, under whose very efficient administration the work prospered in all departments. The present superintendent is Mr. J. W. Keese, whose faithful and efficient service is rewarded with most gratifying results. He has now held that onerous position for two years. A small building fund has been started and it is hoped at no very distant day that a suitable building may be erected to accommodate this very important branch of the church's work.

**The Woman's Home Missionary Society** of the First M. E. Church was organized Sept. 21, 1885, with ten members. The following officers were elected at that meeting: President, Miss C. H. Henry; first vice-president, Mrs. H. M. Kellogg; second vice-president, Mrs. Martin Edgcomb; third vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; recording secretary, Miss Jessie Reed; treasurer, Mrs. Kinner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Owens. "The object of this society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work." The following officers were elected

kins and sang the Easter service April 5, 1899. The present choir is composed of the following members: Soprano: Marguerite Force, Harriet Allen, Jennie T. Guild, Wilhelmina Newkirk, Lola Strowbridge, Winifred Holt, Eleanor Howard, Louise Castlemon, Grace Allen, Helen Turner, Margaret Turner, James Watkins. Alto: Harriet Strowbridge, Marian Goodhue, Jane Newkirk. Tenor: Arthur Williams, Lawrence Rose. Bass: Herman Carver, Lewis Randall, R. G. Lewis. Organist: James Foote. Violin: Arthur Dunn. Much credit is due this volunteer choir for prompt attendance at the church services and for good and conscientious musical work.



COBBLESTONE SCHOOL HOUSE.—Erected 1844; Demolished 1893. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

for 1899-1900; President, Mrs. Lucetta Human; first vice-president, Mrs. O. A. Houghton; second vice-president, Mrs. G. W. Edgcomb; third vice-president, Mrs. T. E. Dye; fourth vice-president, Mrs. C. O. Smith; fifth vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Higgins; recording secretary, Mrs. Eugene Powers; treasurer, Miss Mary O'Day; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. T. Peck; librarian, Miss Effie A. Allen. The subject is, "Our Country," the emblem, Our Flag; the motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name, All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

**The Vested Choir** of Grace Episcopal church was organized with twenty-one members Feb. 1, 1896, under the direction of the Rev. Amos Wat-

**Cortland Council**, No. 1445, Royal Arcanum, was organized April 23, 1892, with seventeen charter members and elected the following officers: Regent, James P. Maher; vice-regent, A. E. Bailey; orator, Prof. D. L. Bardwell; past-regent, M. W. Kunkelley; secretary, William L. Fox; collector, George I. Pruden; treasurer, E. E. Ellis; chaplain, John S. Wells; guide, Fred E. Seeber; warden, James F. McDonald; sentry, H. R. Burroughs. The present officers are: Regent, H. R. Burroughs; vice-regent, John Lanigan; orator, J. F. Wheeler; past-regent, Henry Relyea; secretary, H. W. Gazlay; collector, Henry Relyea; treasurer, E. D. Wood; chaplain, J. B. Sliter; guide, F. D. McGraw; warden, David Ingalls; sentry, Daniel Tucker.

**A. S. Brown**, the postmaster of Cortland, moved to this village at the time he was elected county treasurer in 1888, a position which he occupied two terms, six years. In August, 1888, he purchased the general grocery then conducted by Peck Brothers in the Keator block, on the corner of Main and Port Watson streets, and in connection with the retail part of the business he started what has since become the largest cold storage plant in this locality. It began with the buying and shipping of produce, but in 1894 Mr. Brown erected the building he now occupies at the crossing of Main street and the Lehigh Valley railroad, and put in a Dexter patent cold air system, comprising cold air chambers, ice tanks and storage facilities. There are also provided means for freezing produce, which he uses largely for freezing butter, poultry and game, which is in prime condition to be marketed as desired. In the exterior work on the building there were used galvanized iron for roofing and steel siding, so that the contents may not be affected by changes in the outside temperature and be protected against fire. Perfect air circulation is insured, and the temperature may be regulated in any one or more of the storage chambers without affecting the temperature of the others. At the time Mr. Brown established the plant he occupied only the ground floor, which has an area of 36 x 64, but the business has since increased until in 1900, he took possession of the two upper floors. The original capacity was 240,000 dozens of eggs, but it has been increased by at least 30,000 dozens, besides having a capacity for 2,500 tubs of butter, all in cold storage, and a warehouse capacity for a large quantity of produce which is brought in to be shipped without storing. Mr. Brown is a large buyer of maple sugar and handles more or less apples and other produce. He was born July 31, 1857, and was thrown on his own resources at an early age. Until sixteen years old he lived with an uncle and had very little opportunity for a schooling. Then



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A. S. BROWN.

he was obliged to earn money to give him three terms in the high school at Ithaca and a course in a business college, by teaching and farm work. He was at the Ithaca school in 1877-'78 and in 1879 attended the business college, teaching school in Pleasant Valley in the course of the years of 1876-'79, and at Etna and West Dryden in 1880-'81. In the spring of the latter year he went into a general store in Peruville with Prescott Moe, and in August, 1883, started a general store at Solon, Cortland county, where he continued the business until he moved to Cortland, as has been stated. In 1884 he served as town clerk, and in 1885, '86 and '87 he served as supervisor of the town of Solon. During the years of 1896 and '97 and until the summer of 1898 he served as chairman of the Republican county committee. While acting in that

capacity he managed the affairs of the party with the advice and assistance of his friends in a manner wholly creditable to them all and with successful results. On January 1, 1899, he took the position of postmaster of Cortland, and entered upon his duties determined to give the people excellent service. He has succeeded in doing so. He was a member of the village board of education four years. He is a member of the Red Men, the Athletic club and the Tioughnioga club, although not especially active in the social and club affairs of the village. On Dec. 23, 1880, he married Emma A. Moe of Peruville, and they have one daughter, Harriet E. Brown.



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A. S. BROWN'S RESIDENCE.

**Cortland Tent**, No. 304, Knights of the Macca-bees, was instituted Tuesday evening, July 3, 1894, by Deputy Great Commander Leland Kennedy, as-sisted by Great Master-at-Arms William Schemp. The following officers were elected and installed: Sir Knight Past Commander, George S. Gilbert; Sir Knight Commander, J. H. Johnson; Sir Knight Lieutenant Commander M. E. Corwin; Sir Knight Record Keeper, M. C. Eastman; Sir Knight Finance Keeper, W. A. Howard; Sir Knight Chaplain, L. E. Winslow; Sir Knight Sergeant, S. S. Horton; Sir

ing for insurance protection, coupled with a grow-ing and prosperous fraternal organization. Its finances are looked after by careful and painstaking men, and the members invite a thorough in-spection of its business methods. Negotiations are being closed for new and elaborate parapher-nalia, and a degree team second to none in New York State will be brought out to exemplify the beautiful ritualistic work. The officers for the present term are: Past Commander, Sir Knight S. Luther; Sir Knight Commander, E. N. Sherwood;



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A. S. BROWN'S COLD STORAGE BUILDING.

Knight Physician, Dr. W. J. Moore; Sir Knight Master-at-Arms, William Phalen; Sir Knight First M. of G., George Olds; Sir Knight Second M. of G., R. J. McComb; Sir Knight Sentinel, W. H. Dickinson; Sir Knight Picket, C. E. Millen. Since its institution Cortland Tent has had but one death, Sir Knight George S. Gilbert, who held a beneficiary certificate for \$2,000. Cortland Tent has now sixty members in good standing. Its membership roll contains the names of some of Cortland's most conservative men, who are look-

Sir Knight Lieutenant Commander, John Close; Sir Knight Record and Finance Keeper, George W. Long; Sir Knight Chaplain, W. H. Gilbert; Sir Knight Sergeant, A. G. Klotton; Sir Knight Physician, Dr. C. Vernooy; Sir Knight Master-at-Arms, S. S. Horton; Sir Knight First M. of G., D. F. Waters; Sir Knight Second M. of G., E. D. Rogers; Sir Knight Sentinel, M. E. Sarvay; Sir Knight Picket, F. E. Millen; Trustees, M. E. Sarvay, S. Luther, A. G. Klotton.

**Beard & Peck**, furniture dealers and funeral directors, whose place of business is at No. 9 Main street, succeeded to the furniture business on Oct. 1, 1888, which was established twenty-five years ago by Randolph Beard. It was not until April 1, 1891, that the undertaking branch was added. But on March 15, 1892, this firm bought out its strongest competitors, Edgcomb & Ballard, who were doing business on Railroad street where Cobb & Co. are now located, and thus combined two large stores, and necessitated the occupancy of the entire four-story brick block, which is 30 x 120 feet, and has a total floor space of 15,000 square feet. The success of this furniture business has been phenomenal from the start, and has grown so that this firm is able to buy goods in carload lots, thus competing with the largest dealers. When Randolph Beard started the business he was located in the Barber block on Gorton avenue, on the present site of the opera house. Nine years later his son, Robert H. Beard, was taken into partnership, and until N. J. Peck bought out the senior member of the firm, it was known as R. Beard & Son. After the Barber block was burned the business was for about a year temporarily located on Port Watson street. From that



N. JAY PECK.



R. H. BEARD.



Harris, Photo. BEARD &amp; PECK'S FURNITURE STORE.

place it was moved to its present quarters. All kinds of furniture repairing, finishing and upholstering are done by competent workmen in the several departments. Mr. Beard has personal supervision of the undertaking business, which is equipped with all modern paraphernalia, including funeral car, undertaker's wagon and ambulance. Robert H. Beard was born at Pompey Hill, Onondaga county, March 30, 1862. He married Carrie M. Peck of Cortland Feb. 6, 1884, and they have two children, Karl H. and R. Ward. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. N. Jay Peck was born in Solon, Cortland county, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1862, and moved to Cortland April 1, 1879. For a time he was engaged in the shoe business with a cousin, the firm being A. R. & N. J. Peck. He was also associated with his brother in the grocery business. For seven or eight years he was a clerk in C. W. Stoker's grocery. On Oct. 20, 1886, he married Hattie R. Pendleton, and they have two children, Hazel R. and Harold P. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the fire department, being also on the board of school trustees, to which he was elected in March, 1897.

**Fine Wire-Drawers' Beneficial Association** was instituted on March 1, 1895, with twenty members, for the purpose of helping their sick and afflicted fellow workmen. Up to the present time their assessments have been but \$3 per member, and they have over \$100 in bank after paying all benefits. There are at present fifty-two members in the association. The officers for the first six months, 1899: President, Albert Williams; vice-president, Barney McNeff; recording secretary, James T. Summers; financial secretary, C. B. Roethig; treasurer, Wallace Goodall; trustees, Thomas Jenkins, Charles Feulmeyer, A. J. Klotton. Fine wire-drawers only can become members of this association.

**McGraw & Osgood** succeeded McGraw & Son, dealers in boots and shoes, in September, 1898, the business having been established by William Fisk in 1850. It was then located in a building on Main street, which was afterwards moved for the purpose of opening Railroad street into Main. Mr. Fisk was succeeded by M. H. McGraw, who in the early sixties took in a partner. McGraw & Blodgett continued the business but a few months, when DeWitt C. Dickinson bought out Blodgett, and the firm of Dickinson & McGraw carried on the business until 1895, when the former retired

school. In 1888 he entered the employ of Dickinson & McGraw. He was married to Julia, the daughter of Dr. R. P. Bush of Horseheads, N. Y., the well-known statesman and legislator. J. G. Osgood was born in Cincinnati, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1872. He attended school and worked on a farm until 1892, when he went to Cleveland, O., in the employ of the Cleveland Linseed Oil Co. A year later he went to Chicago, where he remained five years for the same company, coming thence to Cortland. On June 8, 1897, he married Jennie B., the daughter of Dr. B. Kinyon of Cincinnati.



Views by Harris. MCGRAW & OSGOOD'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE. Portraits by Hyatt.  
G. W. MCGRAW. J. G. OSGOOD.

and G. W. McGraw became a partner of his father. McGraw & Son continued three years, then the former retired in favor of J. G. Osgood. It was during the time of Dickinson & McGraw that the business was moved to its present location, No. 29 Main street. For years manufacturing was carried on, and at one time as many as fifty employes were on the pay-roll of this house. The present firm handles largely eastern-made goods, including Hanan & Son's fine shoes for men and the Delsarte shoe for ladies. They carry a full line of American rubber goods, and also supply custom-made work. G. W. McGraw was born in Cortland Aug. 21, 1870, and attended the Normal

**W. C. T. U.**—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in Cortland May 26, 1884. The following ladies have served as presidents: Mrs. Randolph Beard, Miss Sara E. Collins, Mrs. James S. Squires, Mrs. P. H. Patterson, Mrs. H. B. Greeuman. In its organization the departments of work taken up were: Scientific temperance instruction, juvenile work, temperance literature, and influencing the press. The present departments are: Evangelistic, scientific, temperance instruction, literature, temple, soldiers and sailors, press work, Sabbath observance, fruit and flower mission, systematic and proportionate giving, State papers, parlor meetings, Sunday-school

work, heredity, legislation and petition, non-alcoholics in medicine, and mothers' meetings. The present officers are: President, Mrs. H. B. Greenman; vice-president, Mrs. M. V. Hills; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edith Cotton; recording secretary, Mrs. M. A. Waterbury; treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Weiler. Present membership, 154 actives, 30 honorary and 3 sustaining members. Cortland union has the honor of being the second in membership in the State. The headquarters are at 12 West Court street.

**The Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary.**—The first Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary was organized and a constitution adopted April 15, 1882. Twenty-six members were enrolled as charter members with the following officers: President, Mrs. Frank Capen; vice-president, Mrs. George L. Waters; secretary, Miss Sara E. Collins; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Henry. A board of directors numbering thirteen was appointed, who recommended as the first important work "the forming of a village circulating library" the said library to be placed in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the said association. This auxiliary led a flourishing existence until February, 1883, when the organization disbanded and reorganized as a library association, this being the foundation of the present library association. The present auxiliary was organized Sept. 25, 1890, by Assistant State Secretary W. W. Griffith, under the direction of the general secretary of the Cortland association, Mr. Kling. There were seventeen charter members, of whom nine still retain their membership. The officers for the first year were: President, Mrs. J. H. Hoose; vice-president, Mrs. S. M. Ballard; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Marritt. There has been no special line of work taken up aside from assistance to the association to which we are auxiliary in all its work. A fund of \$1,000, the proceeds from "A Women's Edition," is held in trust as a nucleus of a building fund for a home for the Y. M. C. A. at some future time. The present membership is nearly two hundred. During the nine years the auxiliary has given to the association in round numbers \$2,491, not including the money from "The Women's Edition." The officers for 1899 are as follows: President, Mrs. F. J. Cheney; first vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Brown; second vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Banta; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Darby.



Hyatt, Photo. E. A. DIDAMA, M. D.

**Emory A. Didama, M. D.**, one of the most successful physicians of Cortland, located in this village in May, 1888, and at once entered upon a desirable and profitable practice. On being graduated from the Syracuse Medical college, June 10, 1886, he entered the office of his uncle, H. D. Didama, a leading physician of Syracuse, where he enjoyed the advantage of constant advice from the oldest and most skilled of practitioners, having also two years' practical experience with the many complicated and serious cases which almost invariably are treated with success by that eminent physician. Dr. E. A. Didama's office is in his residence on Main street, a location which he was fortunate to secure in one of the best neighborhoods in the village. He is at present the local health officer. The doctor was born in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., April 18, 1861, and was educated in the Medina academy and the Lockport Union school. He entered Syracuse Medical college in 1883 and after settling in Cortland was married to Mary Herdson of Albion, N. Y., April 17, 1895. He is a member of the Cortland Chapter and Commandery F. A. M., and also of the Onondaga and Cortland County Medical societies, the New York State Medical and the American Medical associations.

**The Cortland County Homoeopathic Medical Society** was organized at a meeting of physicians held in the court house July 16, 1879. The following doctors were present: E. B. Nash, Jay Ball, L. H. Babcock, R. A. Goodell, L. D. Eaton and S. Hinman. The first officers elected were as fol-



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DR. E. A. DIDAMA'S RESIDENCE.

lows: President, Jay Ball; vice-president, R. A. Goodell; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Nash. Its meetings are held at the offices of its members. Its present officers are: President, L. W. Potter; vice-president, S. Hinman; secretary-treasurer, E. M. Santee.

**Samuel J. Sornberger, M. D.**, was born at Harpersville, Broome Co., N. Y., Aug. 15, 1849. His elementary education was obtained at Blaklee academy, Harpersville, N. Y. In September, 1871, he entered the Normal school at Cortland, N. Y., and was graduated from the classical course in June, 1874, being honored with the appointment as one of the commencement speakers. In the fall of the same year he entered Syracuse university, and in 1878 was graduated with the degree of Ph. B., being also honored with an appointment as commencement orator. After one year of practical literary and educational work he was awarded the degree of Ph. M. from the same institution and two years later the degree of Ph. D. upon examination in a two years' post-graduate course of study pursued privately. In the fall of 1878 the chair of English, Physics, History and Latin in the State Normal school at Cortland was tendered him unsought. This position he accepted and filled with acceptance for twelve years. In 1880 the doctor was married to Miss Kate M. Foster of Burnt Hills, Saratoga Co., N. Y. Miss Foster was a graduate of Syracuse University in the class of '78. Frank, their son, is now a student of the Normal. In 1894 the doctor was graduated with honors from a full four years' course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, Ill., now the medical department of the State University of Illinois, and followed dispensary and hospital practice in Chicago, from April to September of the same year. In September, 1894, he was licensed by the Board of Regents, under the new law, to practice in the state of New York. In November following he opened an office in the Democrat building, Cortland, N. Y.,



S. J. SORNBERGER, M. D.

where he is now located. He is a member of the Cortland County Medical society, and also of the surgical staff of the Cortland hospital.

**The Young People's Society** of Grace church is an organization which has for its object the promotion of the best interests of the parish, by example, by earnest effort, and by rendering such financial aid as lies within its power. Meetings occur at the call of the president, and the officers for 1899-1900 are as follows: The Rev. Amos Watkins, president; Mrs. N. H. Waters, vice-president; Marguerite Force, secretary and treasurer.

**Junior Epworth League.**—The Junior Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal church was organized Feb. 4, 1894, by Rev. L. H. Pearce, D. D., and Miss Mary A. Oday with 26 charter members. The membership in a few months was increased to 125 bright, active, earnest learners and workers. Socials were held and well patronized by parents and friends. Over \$50 was raised in one year. This was used to buy carpet and molding for the church parlor, hire a nurse to care for a poor sick family, help to buy books for Sunday-school, Bibles for the juniors, etc. The name "Royal Path-Seekers" was chosen by a vote of the juniors. The officers were as follows: Superintendent, Miss Mary A. Oday; assistants, Mrs. L. H. Pearce and Miss Effie A. Allen; president, R. Paul Higgins; first vice-president, Fred H. Gleason; second vice-president, Mary J. Morrissey; third vice-president, Helen L. Loucks; fourth vice-president, Lena R. Perry; secretary, Jessie Jones; treasurer, Vernon E. Peck. These officers were soon graduated into the senior league and the places filled by younger ones. The greater num-



Photo by Harris. DR. S. J. SORNBERGER'S RESIDENCE.

ber who were members of this league during the first years of its existence are to-day members of the church.

**The Cortland Business Institute** in the Democrat building was founded as Joiner's Business college on Jan. 6, 1894, by James E. Joiner, it being located at that time in the Wickwire building on Main street. Three years ago it was moved to the present location, occupying the entire third floor. On July 1, 1899, Mr. A. W. Dakin, the present proprietor, took possession with Louis E. Edgcomb as instructor of arithmetic and common law, Walter M. Sanford as assistant instructor in

was very young his parents moved to Tully, Onondaga Co., where he first acquired a proficiency in penmanship, which he for some years pursued as a profession. He was graduated from a Syracuse business college and in September, 1891, he bought a business college at Auburn. Owing to ill health he retired a year later and spent a year in Virginia. In 1893 he opened Dakin's college at Syracuse, now conducted by his brothers, and from there came to Cortland. On July 1, 1887, he was married to Miss Belle Crozier of Cazenovia. They have two children, Hazel and Carmen. Mr. Dakin is a member of the Tioughnioga club.



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A. W. DAKIN'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.  
Commercial School.

Stenographic School.

book-keeping, penmanship and the commercial course, in which department Mr. Dakin takes personal charge, and Miss Clara J. Rowland of Syracuse as instructor of stenography and type-writing, adopting the Munson system in shorthand. The apartments are arranged conveniently for teaching and study in the several departments. The school is registered as one of the first class by the State Board of Regents. A two years' course in a registered school entitles the pupil to a business diploma and an examination of 125 words a minute to a diploma in stenography, both granted by the Regents. Mr. Dakin was born in Hillsdale, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1859. When he

**William Hathaway Pound**, pastor of the First Congregational church, was born at Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1859. His father, Edwin H. Pound, was a graduate of William college, and his mother, Jennie Briggs, a graduate of Oberlin college. He was prepared for college at Canandaigua, N. Y., at the academy made famous by its well-known principal, Noah T. Clark, and was a public school teacher in Ohio in 1880-'83, having been graduated at Oberlin college in 1885 and at Oberlin Theological seminary in 1888. Ordained to the ministry in June, 1888, his first pastorate was at Wakeman, Ohio, in the First Congregational church, in 1888-1892. His second and present

pastorate, at Cortland, N. Y., in the First Congregational church, began in 1892. He married Lulu Belle Annis of Amherst, Ohio, in 1887, and they have two children, Harold Hathaway and Kenneth Gardner.

**H. T. Bushnell**, although serving the second term as clerk of Cortland county, elected for the first time in 1888 and for the current term (three years) in 1897, will have had twelve continuous years' experience as custodian of the county records at the close of this term, and must therefore be best informed in matters pertaining to the county clerk's office. During the years of 1892-'7, inclusive, he served as deputy clerk. Mr. Bushnell is a Grand Army man and a member of the O. U. A. M. He was born in Johnston, O., Sept. 26, 1843, and on June 1, 1862, was mustered as a four months' volunteer in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Infantry, being one of Col. Miles' command, which in the fall of that year was captured as prisoners of war at Harpers' Ferry and released on parole. In the spring of 1863 he began clerking for T. L. Finney at Johnston, and upon his formal exchange re-enlisted Aug. 30, 1864, in the Second Ohio Cavalry. At Todd barracks, Columbus, O., he was detailed as paymaster's clerk until mustered out in June, 1865. Returning to mercantile life, he clerked in a store in Mecca, O.; later, for two years, at Fredonia, N. Y.; from March, 1868, to June, 1871, in a general store at Gustavus, O., and one year in the large dry goods store of Taylor & Co., Towanda, Pa. On Dec. 23, 1868, he married Miss Jennie H. Hollett at Watkins, N. Y., and in July, 1872, located at Harford, first in partnership with John C. Stewart and, a few months later, until August, 1878, conducting the business alone. Then he retired from the business at Harford, sold out to S. N. Holden, and for seventeen months engaged in the general mercantile business of Summers & Bushnell at Monroeton, Pa., returning to Harford in Dec., 1879, and going into business there with S. N. Holden, which continued practically unchanged until he was elected county clerk.



H. T. BUSHNELL.

**Lot Cast Midst Pleasant Surroundings.**—You ask me to give some of my impressions of Cortland. This is certainly a pleasant task which I am willing to undertake, though many others can speak from the authority of better acquaintance and longer residence. For seven years it has been my gracious privilege to reside in Cortland. All of that time I have served as its pastor the First Congregational church. As a minister it was natural that about my first distinct impression should be that Cortland may be called a church-going town. I soon came to realize that the five churches on Church street and the five others situated in different parts of our town are

never wanting in large numbers of worshippers at their various services. Add to this the harmony of spirit which prevails among the church members of all denominations, and the Christian fellowship which marks so conspicuously the ministry and you have a condition which can but result in vast good to the community.

It is an ever-growing impression with me that Cortland is a delightful residence town. Its many beautiful streets, lined with pleasant and commodious homes, furnish one of the most charming attractions for Cortland. While it is true that evil influences exist in Cortland, it is cheering to note that they do not exist without an earnest and vigorous protest on the part of a very large body of the citizens. Truly it is that man should count himself fortunate who is



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GREENBUSH STREET.

privileged to dwell in Cortland, where he may find congenial fellowship among its citizens and the ever peaceful companionship of the encircling hills!

The life of Cortland is affected in very large degree by the State Normal school of which the citizens are justly proud. It not only exerts a profound influence upon the social and intellectual life of the community, but its influence is felt in no uncertain way in behalf of all that makes for good citizenship, a morally clean town and civic righteousness in general. The young men and women who crowd the halls of the Normal school are a welcome and important feature of our village life. It is gratifying to note the intimate relation which exists between the town and this important institution of learning. The State Normal school and the fine public school system make Cortland a desirable place of residence, especially for those who are interested in the education of young people.

people as well as good people in our midst, still taking it all in all it would seem difficult for one to live in Cortland without a growing impression that his lot is cast amid most pleasant surroundings. He had "better endure ills he has, than to fly to others that he knows not of."—WILLIAM H. POUND.

**Photography, Auld Lang Syne.**—"When you stop to consider the difference between the wet and the dry plate process," said Photographer F. L. Harris, "you can appreciate what giant strides photography has taken in the past few years. We formerly took a clear plate of glass and soaked it in lye, washing thoroughly in clear water. Then we passed it through diluted nitric acid, and after washing again, passed it through diluted ammonia and then again washed it. We prepared our own albumen, taking the white of an egg and



Photo by Hyatt. TOMPKINS STREET, WEST FROM NEAR MAIN STREET.

The past seven years have impressed me with the progressive spirit of our town. At a time when stagnation marked so many business interests of the entire country, Cortland was discussing the matter of public improvements. With its system of waterworks, its electric lights, its system of sewerage and its paved streets Cortland manifests a most commendable spirit of enterprise.

The large and important manufacturing interests of Cortland are a most essential part of Cortland's prosperity. One is impressed with the orderliness and good spirit which in general characterizes our village life, a condition which is not always found in towns with business interests demanding the employment of so much labor.

If winters are cold, and some of the days of summer are warm, if the blue sky is obscured now and then by clouds, if there are some bad

beating it thoroughly in water by shaking it with broken glass in a bottle. Then we flowed the plates by hand and placed them in a dust proof closet. When we were to make a sitting we took one of the plates from the closet and flowed the albumenized side with collodion. The plate was then placed in a solution of silver, resting edge up. This gave us about three-quarters of a minute and we hurried out and seated the subject and focused the instrument. Think of posing a sitter now days in three-quarters of a minute! The public would not tolerate it. They would say the sitter had been slighted. But the plate must not be permitted to stand in the silver any longer and when once taken out we had no time to waste. A wet plate would dry in ten minutes, and when dry would be of no use. Some times it might be longer drying and other times shorter, according to the condition of the atmosphere. But you re-

member how the photographer in those days went to and from the dark room on a jump and how, after making the sitting, he developed the negative while the sitter waited and then came out and showed it to the latter for his approval or disapproval. No proofs were then shown. The photographer held the negative against a dark background—his sleeve, the flap of his coat or something else for the customer to look at. But I left the plate in the silver bath. It was fished out with a dipper and placed in an old fashioned plate holder, which had a swing door. It was wet and dripping when it came from the silver and we always wiped the edges and back with bibulous paper and allowed the plate to drain on a blotter. Still it dripped silver until dry and as silver is not to be wasted we had a trough in the bottom of the plate holder which caught the dripping which we emptied into a bottle. It was also necessary to develop quickly and this we did by flowing the plate in the hand, instead of in a tray as is done now; that is holding up the plate by one corner and turning it about so as to direct the flow of the solution to all parts of the surface. This was not easily acquired by an apprentice. The plate was dried by artificial heat. In those days a sitting occupied from ten seconds to three-quarters of a minute; now from one-quarter of a second to three or four seconds, depending not only upon the light but upon the color of the drapery to be taken. But in those days a photographer was not expected to make a sitting in very cloudy weather, and many photographers advised their patrons to wait for a sunny day. Now, as good results can be obtained at one time as another. Then it was not the rule to save negatives. Plates having answered the purpose once were washed clean with lye and used over again."

**Mrs. S. Darby-Turner** eleven years ago succeeded Miss Minor in the business of furnishing hair and toilet articles, theatrical wigs, head dresses, ladies' hair accessories, and in manicuring and facial massage. The business was then in the Samson block. Two years later Mrs. Darby-Turner moved into the Garrison block, and very largely increased the line of goods demanded by



Hyatt, Photo. MRS. S. DARBY-TURNER.

the ladies of Cortland until now she has one of the largest outfitting establishments in that line in this section of the country. During the busy season Mrs. Darby-Turner employs experienced assistants. She has shown a great deal of taste and skill in the selection of articles which she makes each year to keep up with the styles, and in the showing that is made in the various class of goods which it is found necessary to carry in stock. She is a native of Cortland, and has resided here all of her life.

**Navigable Tioughnioga.**—This river, the west branch, was made a public highway by an act of the legislature passed April 15, 1814, and upon its waters the products of Cortland and adjacent

towns were carried to market in scows, flatboats and arks, which were loaded at Port Watson, (now included in the village of Cortland), and floated down to the Chenango, thence to the Susquehanna, and on that stream to Harrisburg, Northumberland and Sunbury, Pa. Potash, maple sugar, whiskey, gypsum, salt, oats, potatoes and pork were the principal commodities carried to market in these boats. Port Watson, a port of entry, was a small settlement which in 1800 sprung up on the west shore of the river (see view on page 56), about a mile east of where the nucleus of the present village of Cortland then stood. There are now no traces of the village, it having been supplanted by the residential streets of modern Cortland.



Photo by Hyatt. INTERIOR MRS. DARBY-TURNER'S STORE.

Palmer & Co.'s big department store was opened for business in its present location, Nos. 9 and 11 Main street, on April 20, 1897. The firm consists of Ephraim C. and Walter V. Palmer, both of whom are enterprising and closely in touch with modern methods as applied to trade. In a double store equipped with the best conveniences for conducting the dry goods and grocery lines, this firm has from the beginning maintained an absolute cash business. The main floor, with separate entrances for the two principal branches, is 50 x 90 feet. The grocery line on one side comprises a general supply of that class of goods. In the dry goods department are included dress goods and all kinds of under and over wear for ladies and children, notions and gentlemen's furnishing goods. In the past year or two a considerable business in bicycles has been worked up. In an addition to the main store, 28 x 32 feet, is conducted the manufacture to order of dress skirts and ladies' suits. Beginning in a small way in this branch of trade and gradually expanding, the firm has developed a trade in the higher priced skirts, which has continually increased by reason of the fact that orders are as promptly filled and the fit is just as satisfactory where received by mail as when they are left by person. From this business there are supplied the goods for different country stores, the firm having a branch store in the village of Solon. The size of the business is apparent in the fact that the aggregate value of stock, on the average, carried in this store is \$35,000. In the basement, which has the same area as the first floor, a large stock of goods is kept in storage, so



W. V. PALMER.



E. C. PALMER.

that the fullest capacity of the store is not apparent to the average customer who enters it.

Ephraim C. Palmer, the senior member of the firm, was born in Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y., June 19, 1860. At fourteen years of age he entered the general store of his father, Henry C. Palmer, at West Eaton, as a clerk, and six years later he and his brother, Will Palmer, bought out

their father and conducted the store for seven years under the firm name of Palmer Bros. At 21 years of age Mr. Ephraim Palmer, still retaining his interest in the business, went on the road as a salesman for the commission house of Millard & Johnson of Omaha, and a year later he formed a connection with D. McCarthy & Sons of Syracuse, selling dry goods on the road, which he followed for five years. In 1887, upon closing out the West Eaton store, Palmer Bros., E. C. and Will, opened a general store at McGraw, and two years later E. C. bought out the business and conducted the store alone until 1895 when he sold out and moved to Cortland, having been elected county clerk at the election in November, 1894. On January 1, 1895, Palmer Bros., E. C. and Henry D., opened a grocery in the Sugarman



Photos by Harris.

PALMER &amp; CO.'S STORE.

block which business was conducted until March, 1896, when it was sold out to the G. O. Whitcomb Co. Mr. Palmer's next business venture was at the head of Palmer & Co. He has been rather active as a Republican and also has been identified with the Independent Republican movement. Upon the expiration of his term of three years as county clerk he received the nomination to succeed himself by the Independent Republicans, but declined to accept it, and secured the substitution of the present incumbent. He was married to Laura L. Darrow, of West Eaton, July 9, 1885.

## OF NO MEAN CITY AM I!

Kipling closes the rich little poem "L'Envoi," with these words:

"— and each in his separate star,  
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of things  
as they are."

If these words were paraphrased to fit the writer's case they would read somewhat thus, "Shall write the Place as he sees it for the people who know what they are."



Photos by Butler.

### PALMER & CO.'S STAFF OF CLERKS.

CASHIER—W. C. Wolcott,  
GROCERY—Edward Dowd, F. W. Lanigan,  
P. W. Benjamin, DRY GOODS—A. B. White, E. B. Rigby,  
Nina L. Weld. SKIRT DEPT.—Mary F. Dowd, Katherine O'Day, Sarah M. Howes.

He is an Odd Fellow, a Mason, a Granger and a member of the Tioughnioga club.

Walter V. Palmer was born in Eaton, Madison county, N. Y., June 15, 1871, and was graduated at the Colgate Academy in June, 1891, after which he took a four months course in the training class for teachers in the Cook county Normal school at Chicago. Upon his return East he entered the employ of Palmer Bros. in this village. He married Miss Maud Woodbury on November 30, 1898. He is an Odd Fellow, being a member of the Glen Roy Lodge of Eaton, No. 312.

A clergyman is a very fortunate man in one respect, he generally sees his people at their best. This perhaps is not always true of men in other vocations or in the trades. Lawyers and grocer-men sometimes see the other side, as is suggested by the story of the corner grocer who was asked by one of his customers if he did not think Mrs. Blank of their neighborhood had "a beautiful disposition." "Yes," he replied, "her's beats mine, for she has told me at least forty times she would

pay her bill 'to-morrow,' and she always speaks those words with a most winsome smile."

My impression of Cortland has steadily grown in fondness. Never shall I forget the introduction to her. Picture a wet, gloomy, drizzling rain on one Saturday afternoon a little over three years ago. Arriving at the picturesque Lehigh station, situated on the village stream then known as Main

which they live, by erecting appropriate and commodious depots? No building in town makes a more vivid impression on the mind of the traveler, and hundreds who pass through never judge by anything else.

Cortland is a village of homes. From the many imposing residences scattered throughout her limits to the cozy and hard earned cottage there is a homelike appearance with all. The proportion of



Photos by Harris. VIEWS OF INTERIOR OF PALMER & CO'S STORE.

Grocery Department.

Dry Goods Department.

street, gondoliered through that rock-bottom water-way in a hack.

What a change! Who can think of that day now without gratitude for the present? Only the same old stations at the termini of our splendid streets are left as monuments of the past. Why is it that the railroad companies do not keep pace with the towns through which they run and by

rented houses is small, a large share owning their homes or paying for them. The absence of old and tumbledown structures is another marked feature of our town, and the general good care given to all residential grounds.

But by far better than this outward appearance of home loving there are very many signs which point to home happiness which depends more upon the heart than upon the dwelling. Church

street upon Sabbath morning or evening tells the story of church life. I do not think there is a town the size of ours in the state which is more faithful in church attendance. However, there is always a possibility of improvement. One noticeable fact in this connection is the large proportion of men who attend church.

The industries of Cortland impress me as not only successful but as exceedingly well managed and cared for. There are few places where such a spirit of genuine fellowship and cordiality exists. Employer and owner are in perfect sympathy with employe.

One who has been formerly under the pressure of city work, and has spent a large share of the time on sidewalks and amid blocks realizes what a privilege it is to be able to catch up a trout rod after dinner on a fine day, and after a comparatively short drive cast into a lively stream. In

us to enjoy without using up strength in climbing; for the magnificent trees (let us preserve them). Speaking of trees, I believe even Ruskin would have gone into greater ecstasies over the elm if he could have looked through Church street on a summer evening, particularly just as the day began to go out in the beauty of one of our inspiring sunsets. He tells us that the old cathedrals were framed after the plan of God's architecture as seen in the arched vaults of the majestic elms. If you want to see the truth of this statement, here at home, walk from the Methodist church to Port Watson street some moonlight evening in the summer or early fall.

I will leave it to others to speak of our well equipped stores, our clean newspapers, our good schools, our library, our hospital, our beautiful cemetery, our Young Men's Christian association, the many literary and social organizations,



THE CITY WATER WORKS.

"Stand. Ind. Ed."

fact this suggestion is simply given as an illustration of the life which Cortland affords. Every one is busy but not too busy to live, to let others live and to make the most of life.

We all value the State Normal School, and what she has and is doing. The life of the village and township is strengthened and brightened thereby. It is needless to speak of the work going on there. Carlyle says of Shakespeare: "His works are so many windows, through which we see a glimpse of the world that was in him." Thus we can speak of this institution in our midst. The students and the splendid work we hear from the schools where they teach and from the colleges where they are studying are "the windows through which we see a glimpse of the world" that is in the Alma Mater.

For the natural beauty of our village we are very grateful; for the hills, the valleys, not in our village, (we leave that to Ithaca) but all about us, for

the musical taste and interest, not only benefiting the community by special festivals, but now showing itself strong enough to support regularly a weekly choral society. The more a town does to elevate and educate in the realm of good music, the loftier will be her amusements, and the healthier her morals. It is very encouraging likewise to note from our booksellers that the demand for good books is steadily and surely increasing. The old sentiment was that although man "could live without books," "civilized man could not live without books." We believe the latter most emphatically, but we also believe that civilized man can not live without books, and good books at that. And just here let me say, God speed the new Science club. It is a move in the right direction.

The new athletic field in the very heart of the village is something of which to be proud. There is no more intelligent and effective manner to keep

and inspire wholesome living and pure thinking than clean sport and athletic exercise. Show me a community without a playground for the young, and I will show you a dwarfed generation and listless workmanship.

As to the general public opinion of our town as to questions of justice and morality there is no doubt that when thoroughly aroused there is a most generous response for righteousness. There is a strong feeling against personal bitterness, which there ought to be, but there is a loyalty in antagonism against existing evils. To this spirit we owe the abolition of the saloon in our midst.

To sum up the whole matter, Cortland is "a good place to live in," but let us never forget that we shall be held responsible by the Kind Father who placed us here if we do not make it even the better, because we live therein.

Linderman, Laura A. Parsons, Lydia A. Strowbridge, Maria E. Forrest and Verdine E. Peck. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lucy L. Linderman; first vice-president, Mrs. Anna E. Bentley; second vice-president, Dr. Lydia A. Strowbridge; secretary, Mrs. Frances Park Mudge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Rose Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Clara T. Gale. The time of meeting was appointed to be the third Monday of each month, at 3 P. M., to be held at the homes of the members. Our numbers have doubled the first year, and we have many friends outside our ranks. Also, in our first year we met with a serious loss in the death of one member, Mrs. Bertha Payne Kenyon, which will long be felt, and who will tenderly be remembered. The average attendance has been good and meetings regular. We have been greatly encouraged by



Photo by Harris.

OFFICERS OF THE POLITICAL EQUALITY CLUB.

Dr. Lydia Strowbridge, Vice-P.  
Miss Myra Norton, Sec.Mrs. Anna Bentley, Vice-P.  
Mrs. Lucy L. Linderman, Pres. Mrs. Frances P. Mudge, Cor. Sec.

Let these words from Kipling's song be ours:  
"Hold ye the Faith, \* \* the Faith our Fathers sealed us;  
\* \* \* \* \*

Keep ye the law—be swift in all obedience.  
Clear the land of evil, drive the road and bridge the ford.  
Make ye sure to each his own  
That he reap what he hath sown;  
By the peace among our peoples let men know we serve  
the Lord."

Then can we ever say,

"Surely in toil or fray,  
Under an alien sky,  
Comfort it is to say,  
Of no mean City Am I."

Faithfully,

JOHN T. STONE.

Dec. 21, '99.

**Political Equality Club.**—In April, 1898, Harriet May Mills, organizer of the New York State Suffrage association, visited Cortland and gave a lecture, the subject of which was "The Sign of the Times." A gentleman in the audience arose and moved that a club be organized in Cortland. A few women who believe in the results of organized effort met at Dr. Strowbridge's May 10th. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and signed by the following persons: Frances Park Mudge, Bertha Payne Kenyon, Mary Rose Clark, Anna E. Bentley, Clara T. Gale, Hattie E. Mudge, Lucy L.

the unprecedented favor of woman suffrage by our governor, as expressed in his speech last winter.

**Streams in Cortland County.**—The Tioughnioga flows into this county from the north in two branches, which unite near the village of Cortland and flow in a general southerly direction, emptying into the Chenango river in Broome county. Its principal tributaries in this county are Trout, Cold and Factory brooks, and Cheniugo, Labrador, Otter, Virgil, Cunningham, Owego and Merrill's creeks.

**The County Clerk's Office** was consigned for several years to an old building standing on Main street on the site of the present handsome structure, which was opened up for business in February, 1877. Efforts were made to get located in Homer village which offered to defray all expenses for site and buildings. The county appropriated \$17,000 for the new building.

**The First Pavement** laid in Cortland was on Main street, and it cost the village \$3,500. The contract was executed in June, 1866, and the village issued bonds payable in four equal annual installments.

**Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians**, was organized May 9th, 1895, in Empire Hall by J. J. Kennelly, James E. Dolan and Frank D. O'Herin, of the Onondaga County Board. The intent and purpose of the order is to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity among its members, by raising or supporting a fund of money for maintaining the aged, blind and infirm members, also to pay benefits to its members in case of sickness or death. The charter members

Lonergan; Recording Secretary, Joseph Dowd; Financial Secretary, Thomas Drake; Treasurer, J. T. Davern; Sergeant-at-Arms, John F. Burns; Sentinel, Richard McMahon. The prominent social features of the Division are its largely attended annual balls, banquet on each St. Patrick's day and yearly excursions to the Thousand Islands. The regular meetings of the Division are held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7 p. m., in the Empire Hall.



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THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

E. D. Wood, rep. Ward 3.

C. Fred Thompson, rep. Ward 1.

L. T. White, rep. Ward 2.

A. A. Sprague, rep. Ward 4.

S. N. Holden, President.

numbered 72 and the first officers elected were as follows:—County President, John F. Dowd; Division President, Charles Corcoran; Vice President, Joseph Dowd; Recording Secretary, M. V. Lane; Financial Secretary, John F. Burns; Treasurer, J. T. Davern; Sergeant-at-Arms, P. T. Carmody; Sentinel, John E. Lonergan. At the present time the Division numbers 175 and the officers for 1899 were as follows: County President, Charles Corcoran; Division President, John A. Kennedy; Vice-President, John E.

**Illuminating Gas** was introduced for use in Cortland early in the sixties. The board of Trustees by resolution adopted August 5, 1860, awarded the franchise for laying gas pipes to a company headed by James A. Schermerhorn, giving them the exclusive privilege for twenty-five years. In 1863 the village board appropriated \$130 for the erection of ten gas street lamps and for lighting them for the following year.

### The Police Department.

—At the charter election held in March, 1889, by a vote of the people it was decided that Cortland should have a uniformed police force, to be appointed by the board of trustees. On April 1, 1889, Albert Goldsmith was designated as chief of the department, and Nathan Hunt, O. L. Jackson and E. D. Parker night patrolmen. Shortly after Mr. Hunt was succeeded by James E. Sager. A new charter was granted the following June, which ordered the election of a police justice at the next charter election, whose term of office should be three years, and gave the board power to name the number of police officers. In March, 1890, C. S. Bull was elected to the office of police justice. April 1st of the same year James E. Sager was appointed chief of police. The department remained the same for three years. At the charter election in March, 1893, C. S. Bull was re-elected police justice. Albert Goldsmith resigned Aug. 7, 1893, and has held the office of constable since that time. Frank H. Monroe was appointed to fill the vacancy September 4th. Mr. Sager's resignation took effect in April, 1895, when W. T. Linderman was appointed and at once assumed the duties of chief of the department. In August, 1895, Mr. Monroe resigned to go into business in Oneonta, where he still remains. At the March election in 1896 E. E. Mellon was elected police justice, and the following May Sidney N. Gooding was appointed policeman by the board of trustees, and James A. Smith



THE POLICE FORCE.

J. H. Corcoran.

S. N. Gooding, Night Captain.

W. T. Nix.

E. D. Parker, Chief.

J. A. Smith.

was appointed night captain. On April 12, 1897, O. L. Jackson and Mr. Smith resigned, and were succeeded by John H. Corcoran and William T. Nix; E. D. Parker was appointed night captain. In December, 1898, W. T. Linderman resigned and was succeeded by James A. Smith. E. D. Parker was designated by the board as chief of police and S. N. Gooding as night captain. At the charter election in March, 1899, R. L. Davis was elected police justice. The president of the village is at the head of the police force. There are four square miles in the corporation and over fifty miles of streets to patrol, and 2,500 inhabitants to each policeman. The present force is as follows: E. D. Parker, chief of police; S. N. Gooding, night captain; W. T. Nix, J. H. Corcoran, James A. Smith, patrolmen.



Photo by Hyatt. PROSPECT ST., NORTH FROM THE BEND.

**Early Racing.**—Speedy and high bred horses appeal strongly to a great many people in Cortland. The earliest track event of which there is a record was on Sept. 19, 1820. This contest, which lasted three days, was decided on the flats in the southeasterly corner of the village and on a circular mile track, the judges' stand being erected on a natural mound in the center of the field. The judges were Truman Doud, Chas. W. Lynde, Stephen Knapp and Roswell Randall. The conditions admitted any horse, mare or gelding carrying weight for age, and running three-mile heats. A purse of \$100 was awarded to the winning horse on the first day, \$75 on the second day; the five per cent. entrance money on the

purses of the first two days to be awarded to the swiftest three-year-old colt on the third day, one-mile heat.

**I. V. Johnson** was born in Virgil, Cortland county, June 17, 1869, being the oldest son of Vivus and Alvira (Sherman) Johnson. When 21 years of age he left his home in Virgil to accept a clerkship in the hardware store of F. D. Smith in Cortland, N. Y. He held the above position until the year 1895, when he accepted a position as salesman with the hardware firm of Buck & Lane, of this place, remaining with them until Oct. 31, 1898, when he took possession of the store at No. 5 Tompkins street, which he had purchased of T. S. Mourin, wholesale and retail dealer in flour, feed and country produce. He has on hand at all times a full line of the best grades of flour, feed, grain, hay and straw, seeds and poultry supplies, the Ceresota brand of flour being among the many standard brands which he carries. He is also a wholesale and retail dealer in fancy butter and eggs. On July 26, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Seaman of Dryden, N. Y. They have one child, Hazel M. He is a member and the present Vice-Grand of Vesta Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., a member of Elon Encampment, No. 59, I. O. O. F., a member of the Knights of Maccabees, Tioughnioga club, and an active member of Excelsior H. & L. Co., No. 3.



I. V. JOHNSON.

**Early Settlers in Cortland.**—Jonathan Hubbard built a dwelling on the present site of Main and Court streets in 1804. Mead Merrill built a sawmill near Port Watson, which was in operation in 1816, and was appointed surrogate in 1810 and county clerk in 1813. The first court house was built by Josiah Cushman, who settled in Cortland about 1800. A tavern was built about 1818 by Nathan Luce. It was subsequently the famous Eagle

tavern. Jacob Wheeler probably was the first blacksmith in the village, coming here about 1812. The first jewelers and silversmiths were Joshua and his son W. H. Bassett, and the first harness and saddlemaker was William Bartlit, who located here prior to 1815. Others who came to Cortland about the latter year were: James Percival, who established the first newspaper, The Cortland Republican (June 30, 1815); Dr. Miles Goodyear, in

the fall of 1817; Jethro Bonney, in 1816; Nelson Spencer, who in 1820 erected a paper mill at the junction of the east and west branches of the Tioughnioga; Asahel Lyman, who in 1816 erected the old Samson block, corner Main street and Groton avenue (see view, page 111); Samuel Hotchkiss, who settled here in 1815, and who was deputy county clerk from 1815 to 1823, and clerk in 1823-1835, inclusive, and again in 1844-'47; Edward Allen, a blacksmith, in 1817; Judge Samuel Nelson, in 1818; William and Roswell Randall, in 1813; William Elder, who built the first tannery. The late Hamilton White's father, Hamilton White, afterwards a leading Syracuse banker, was the chief clerk for W. & R. Randall. William Mallory settled here in 1815, and was sheriff in 1800-'10, county clerk in 1815-'19, and in 1823 was appointed judge of the court of common pleas. His business was that of a distiller.



Photos by Harris. I. V. JOHNSON'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE.



**Vesta Lodge**, No. 255, was instituted Dec. 15, 1870, with the following officers: N. G., I. M. Seaman; V. G., H. M. Kent; Secretary, Gideon Wright; Treasurer, S. M. Benjamin; War., L. O. Hulse; Con., A. Sager. After the institution the following were admitted to membership by card: R. Lambert, S. M. Benjamin, Oliver Hitchcock, G. S. Holden, M. Rowley; by initiation, Geo. G. Sperry, Chas. E. Gilbert, P. W. Chaffee, Delos Sanders, J. J. Taggart, J. W. Benjamin, L. Dexter, John D. Frederick and Chauncey Genung. Number of members at date of institution 20, and of these Bro. Genung is the only one of the original members that has held continuous membership and is still in good standing in Vesta lodge. Bro. Genung has long been A. P. G. and for years past has served the lodge as its chaplain. On July 20, 1871, their first rooms were dedicated in the Squires building, now owned by Wm. Martin, and on Nov. 26, 1885, their present hall and rooms consisting of the whole of the third story of the Second National Bank building were dedicated to the principles of Odd Fellowship. The membership Jan.

E. S. Champion; I. G., W. F. Gardner; O. G., Wm. Smith. Vesta lodge on December, 1899, had a membership of 257.

**Elon Encampment**, No. 59, was instituted July 7, 1871, by the following staff: D. D. G. R., Wm. Powers; G. H. P., Richard Pollard; G. S. W., Wm. Elma; Gr. S., Wallace Kelley; Gr. Treas., H. C. Mann; G. J. W., John Livingston. The following were charter members: S. M. Benjamin, Chas. Gilbert, W. Eugene Powers, Gideon Wright, Delos Sanders, Horace M. Kent, Geo. G. Sperry. After this the following officers were elected and installed: C. P., H. M. Kent; H. P., Geo. G. Sperry; S. W., Gideon Wright; Scribe, W. Eugene Powers; Treas. Chas. E. Gilbert; J. W., Delos Sanders. The present officers were installed July 1st, by D. D. G. P., E. E. Barnes, viz: C. P., E. DeWitt Rogers; H. P., E. N. Sherwood; S. W., Frank Dunbar; Scribe, Abner McNett; Treas., Willard H. Gilbert; J. W., T. M. Marks; Guide, L. A. Bloomer; 1st W., E. E. Barnes; 2nd W., J. W. Petrie; 3rd W., H. L. Hartwell; 4th



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OFFICERS VESTA LODGE, I. O. O. F., NO. 255 (1899.)

7. Myron Oothout, N. G. 3. A. G. Klotton, V. G. 13. H. L. Hartwell, Recording Secretary. 11. E. D. Rogers, Financial Secretary. 12. T. N. Leach, Treasurer. 5. Joseph McDargh, Warden. 15. E. E. Barnes, Conductor. 14. Chauncey Genung, Chaplain. 6. W. H. Gilbert, R. S. N. G. 8. T. P. Button, L. S. N. G. 2. S. D. Dubois, R. S. V. G. 4. Burdell Hawks, L. S. V. G. 1. J. D. Pierce, R. S. S. 9. E. S. Champion, L. S. S. 16. William M. Smith, O. G. 18. W. F. Gardner, I. G. 17. E. N. Sherwood, Degree Master. 10. C. P. Wadham, P. G.

1, 1880, was 69, and on Jan. 1, 1890, 104. On Dec. 16, 1895, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge was held in the Opera House and lodge rooms with appropriate ceremonies, the grand officers of the state being present. The principal address of the day was made in the Opera House by Alfred A. Guthrie, G. M., who on the same occasion presented to Bro. Genung, for the lodge, a veteran's jewel, the first ever presented to a member of this lodge. Since the institution, two lodges, McGraw No. 320, and John L. Lewis, No. 587, have been formed by members of Vesta lodge who withdrew for that purpose. The following officers were installed July 1st, 1899, by D. D. G. M., L. A. Bloomer: N. G., Myron Oothout; V. G., A. G. Klotton; Sec., H. L. Hartwell; F. Sec., E. DeWitt Rogers; Treas., T. N. Leach; Chap., C. Genung; War., J. E. McDargh; Con., Irving Barnes; R. S. N. G., W. H. Gilbert; L. S. N. G., T. P. Button; R. S. V. G., S. D. DuBois; L. S. V. G., Burdell Hawks; R. S. S., J. D. Pierce; L. S. S.,

W., J. E. McDargh; 1st G. T., Fred Tyler; 2nd G. T., W. F. Gardner; I. S., Fred Pearson; O. S., A. G. Klotton. The Encampment has always had the same prosperity and reverses as Vesta lodge, occupying the same hall and are, as they have always been, inseparable.

**The County Building**, constructed of stone, with an ornamental front, was built in 1877. The county clerk's office occupies the first floor, the county judge and surrogate the second, and the board of supervisors' rooms are on the third floor. The walls are supported by iron beams and it is as nearly fire proof as possible, the floors being of tile. I. G. Perry of Binghamton is the architect. The building committee of the board of supervisors reported favorably on plans and cost Nov. 28, 1876. The board of supervisors entered into contract for the work with Louis G. Viele, and the price was to be \$15,000. This was subsequently increased to \$16,000, but the total cost was \$18,575. A thousand dollars was paid for the site.

**John L. Lewis Lodge, No. 587, I. O. O. F.,** was instituted Sept 11, 1890, by Grand Master Spooner, assisted by Grand Secretary Terwilliger, Grand Treasurer Rowland and District Deputy Grand Master E. E. Warfield of Homer. The following were charter members: Isaac M. Seaman (deceased), A. B. Filzinger, C. A. Lounsberry (deceased), L. T. White, George D. Griffith, Fred Fenner, P. G., William H. Moore, P. G., George I. Pruden, B. D. Shirley, S. Knickerbocker, H. L. Gleason, C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, Charles S. Bull, C. Fred Williams, S. de Puy Freer, W. P. Robinson, Wilbur Maltby, A. J. Breunig, F. A. Bickford, E. E. Spalding, John C. Seamans, George W. Cleveland, Jas. E. Seager, M. L. Pope, Harry Wheaton, E. Jay Hopkins and A. C. Upson. Forty-two new members were initiated that night and the following officers were installed: N. G., W. P. Robinson; V. G., C. H. Drake; Rec. Sec., A. C. Upson; Fin.

Treasurer, A. G. Bosworth; Warden, W. G. Spencer; Cond., George M. Champlin; O. G., C. R. Doolittle; I. G., Lewis Swift; R. S. N. G., F. M. Ingersoll; L. S. N. G., G. H. Ames; R. S. V. G., Clarence French; L. S. V. G., Benjamin Hamilton; R. S. S., J. J. Krebs; L. S. S., Charles Leonard; Chaplain, E. E. Spalding; P. G., T. N. Hollister. The following are Past Grands in the order of service: W. P. Robinson, C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, A. J. Coles, G. E. Ingraham, George Vandusen, L. E. Blackmer, J. G. Bridenbecker, J. E. Bliss, W. D. Shirley, F. M. Ingersoll, Charles H. Miller, F. H. Morse, R. E. Caldwell, C. R. Allen, James R. Brown, L. Scott Gale, T. N. Hollister. The meetings of the lodge are held every Tuesday evening at the lodge rooms in the Schermerhorn block, where they have very convenient quarters fitted up, consisting of lodge hall, parlor, dining room and kitchen, together with the usual



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OFFICERS OF JOHN L. LEWIS, I. O. O. F., No. 587 (1899).

1. Clarence French. 2. N. P. Meager. 3. Benjamin Hamilton. 4. Louis Swift. 5. John Krebs. 6. Frank M. Ingersoll. 7. Fred J. Bierce. 8. George H. Ames. 9. Charles Leonard. 10. C. R. Doolittle. 11. T. N. Hollister. 12. Walter D. Shirley. 13. A. G. Bosworth. 14. C. H. Miller. 15. E. E. Spalding. 16. W. G. Spencer. 17. G. M. Champlin.

Sec., George W. Cleveland; Treasurer, S. Knickerbocker; Chaplain, Dr. Jerome Angell (deceased); Warden, H. C. Beebe; Cond., F. H. Cobb; O. G., J. G. Jarvis; I. G., O. K. George; R. S. N. G., Fred Fenner; L. S. N. G., Elmer Williams; R. S. V. G., E. E. Spalding; L. S. V. G., G. E. Ingraham. This lodge being organized, as it was, by a hustling body of men, soon took rank as one of the foremost organizations of the order in this jurisdiction. Its degree teams were early fitted out with the best paraphernalia that could be had, and they took pride in doing their work according to the highest standards. The lodge now numbers among its members many of Cortland's foremost business and professional men and is in a flourishing condition, both financially and socially. The present membership is 147. The present officers are: N. G., F. J. Bierce; V. G., N. P. Meager; Rec. Sec., C. H. Miller; Fin. Sec., W. D. Shirley;

paraphernalia and ante-rooms. This lodge has three times been smoked out by fires from other parts of the block, but has each time emerged from the ordeal with a little better quarters than before. Time has dealt very gently with this organization, the grim destroyer having entered its portals but seven times during its existence. The higher branches of the Order connected with this lodge are the Cortland Encampment, No. 127, Canton Cortland, No. 27, and Bright Light Rebekah Lodge, No. 121.

**Cortland Encampment, No. 127, I. O. O. F.,** was organized by the appointment of a committee by Canton Cortland March 12, 1891, to enroll members. Its charter had been granted by the Grand Lodge at Ithaca, Feb. 24, 1891, and it was instituted March 30, 1891, by Grand Patriarch John A. Bennett. The charter members were: A. G. Bos-

worth, G. I. Pruden, C. A. Lounsberry, E. M. Pudney, F. A. Bickford, C. H. Drake, B. D. Shirley, W. P. Robinson, Wilbur Maltby (deceased), A. C. Upson, G. D. Griffiths, E. J. Hopkins, A. J. Breunig, S. Knickerbocker, H. L. Gleason and A. B. Filzinger. Its first officers were: C. P., C. H. Drake; H. P., C. A. Lounsberry; S. W., W. P. Robinson; Rec. Scribe, F. A. Bickford; Fin. Scribe, B. D. Shirley; Treasurer, G. I. Pruden; J. W., A. G. Bosworth; I. S., A. J. Breunig; O. S., A. B. Filzinger; Guide, H. L. Gleason; First Watch, Wilbur Maltby (deceased); Second Watch, E. E. Spalding; Third Watch, R. E. Caldwell; Fourth Watch, E. M. Pudney. Its present officers are: C. P., F. M. Ingersoll; H. P., L. Scott Gale; S. W., J. R. Brown; Scribe, P. W. Chaffee; Fin. Scribe, G. H. Ames; Treas., N. P. Meager; Guide, W. D. Shirley; J. W., W. G. Spencer; O. S., A. L. Kinney; I. S., John Hull; First Watch, A. G. Bosworth; Second Watch, E. E. Spalding; Third Watch, J. J. Krebs; Fourth Watch, J. R. Bosworth; First Guard of the Tent, B. S. Brink; Second Guard of the Tent, George D. Griffiths. Its Past Chief Patriarchs in the order of their service are: C. H. Drake,

for the last year, 1899: Noble Grand, Mrs. Carrie Bosworth; Vice Grand, Mrs. Mable Shirley; Secretary, Mrs. Carrie A. Meager; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Pudney; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Ella French; Warden, Mrs. Carrie Loomis; Conductor, Miss Rose Leonard; Outside Guard, Frank Ingersoll; Inside Guard, Frankie Brown; R. S. of N. G., Mrs. Mercy Hamilton; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. Lavina Seaman; R. S. of V. G., Mrs. Clotilda Borden; L. S. of V. G., Mrs. Etta Brown; Right Altar Support, Mrs. Lucella Leonard; Left Altar Support, Mrs. Clara Coram; Chaplain, Mrs. Theresa Clark.

**Canton Cortland**, P. M., No. 27, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Vesta Lodge rooms, Sept. 15, 1887; it was mustered into service Dec. 1, 1887, by Brig. Gen. James O. Woodard, Commander, Dept. N. Y. Its charter members were: M. S. Bierce, G. I. Pruden, E. H. Stockwell, C. F. Williams, S. N. Gooding, B. D. Shirley, S. dePay Freer, L. T. White, A. B. Nelson, F. A. Bickford, G. E. Ryder, G. W. Lansing, C. H. Roethig, D. F. Waters, A.



Photo by Harris. OFFICERS BRIGHT LIGHT, No. 21, DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH (1899).

1. Mrs. Lola Leonard. 2. Mrs. Clotilda Borden. 3. Mrs. Floyd Griffiths. 4. Mrs. William Brown. 5. Mrs. Annie Pudney. 6. Mrs. Theresa Clark. 7. Mrs. N. B. Meager. 8. Mrs. Carrie Loomis. 9. Miss Rose Leonard. 10. Mrs. Clara Coram. 11. Mrs. Ella French. 12. Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton. 13. Mrs. Edna Swift. 14. Mrs. B. H. Bosworth. 15. Mrs. Mable Shirley. 16. Mrs. John C. Seamans. 17. Frank M. Ingersoll. 18. Mrs. Etta Brown.

W. P. Robinson, C. A. Lounsberry (deceased), F. H. Weyant, G. I. Pruden, E. J. Hopkins, Burt Card, A. G. Bosworth, D. E. Stanford, L. E. Blackmer, R. E. Caldwell, W. D. Shirley, F. H. Morse, E. M. Santee (two terms), Duke Borthwick. The Encampment meets every first and third Thursday in the month at John L. Lewis Lodge rooms, in the Schermerhorn block. Its paraphernalia is said to be the second finest in the State, and its degree teams are second to none.

**Bright Light**, Rebekah Lodge, No. 121, I. O. O. F., was instituted Oct. 3, 1890, by Grand Master Spooner with the following officers in the chairs: Noble Grand, Mrs. Florence Cobb; Vice Grand, Mrs. Eva Watkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ida H. Ingraham; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mary C. Beebe; Treasurer, Mrs. S. Edith Geer; Warden, Mrs. Filzinger; Conductor, Mrs. Green; Outside Guard, Mrs. Caldwell; Inside Guard, Miss Anna Blackmer; R. S. of N. G., Mrs. W. P. Robinson; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. W. J. Perkins; R. S. of V. G., Mrs. E. Williams; L. S. of N. G., Mrs. E. J. Hopkins; Right Altar Support, Mrs. J. E. Briggs; Left Altar Support, Mrs. R. Beard. The officers

G. Bosworth, Edwin V. Baker, W. P. Robinson, Geo. Pitt, A. B. Filzinger. Its first officers were Com., M. S. Bierce; Lieut., G. I. Pruden; Ensign, E. H. Stockwell; clerk, C. F. Williams; Acc't., A. B. Nelson. It started with eighteen swords and now numbers forty-four. Its past captains, in the order of service have been: M. S. Bierce, G. I. Pruden (two terms) C. H. Drake, A. G. Bosworth, E. J. Hopkins, E. M. Pudney, G. E. Ingraham, D. E. Stanford, R. E. Caldwell, Geo. D. Griffiths. Its present officers are: Commander, W. D. Shirley; lieutenant, J. C. Seamans; ensign, B. H. Bosworth; clerk, G. H. Ames; accountant, D. E. Stanford; standard bearer, A. W. McNett; sentinel, F. M. Ingersoll; picket, W. G. Spencer. Among the more notable of its pilgrimages have been those to Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo. Among its members to receive honors outside of its doors have been A. G. Bosworth, who is now lieutenant colonel of the Fourth Regiment of this department; L. T. White, who was appointed to a position upon the staff of Col. W. H. Mosher, of the Second Battalion of the Fourth Regiment; W. W. Rainey, chaplain of the Fourth Regiment; R. E. Caldwell adjutant of the

First Battalion of the Fourth Regiment, upon the staff of Maj. King of Norwich. The Fourth Regiment consists of Cantons located at Binghamton, Elmira, Hornellsville, Cortland, Oneonta, Norwich, Bath, Corning and Clyde. The meetings of Canton Cortland are held each second and fourth Thursday of the month in John L. Lewis Lodge rooms in the Schermerhorn block. John L. Lewis Lodge and her sister branches have many members whom they delight to honor, but the space allotted to this article is too small to allow mention of the merits of each; it is, however, no disparagement of the others, but rather a credit to the entire membership, to make special mention of the services of Lieut. Col. A. G. Bosworth, who has passed the chairs of all branches of the order, has taken the degrees of all of the Grand bodies except the degree of Chivalry, to which he is entitled and which he will receive in the near future. No meeting of any branch to

James Dodd, Frank Dowd, R. C. Duell, T. Garrity, A. Gutches, John Grant, Geo. H. Gleason, William T. Galvan, A. Goddard, C. Hike, J. A. Harriott, T. Hayes, D. Kernan, A. G. Klotton, T. Kernan, James R. Kelley, M. J. Kane, T. Kaue, C. S. Knowles, P. Linskey, R. B. Linderman, H. Morgan, M. Mathewson, J. Mellon, D. Mahoney, J. Mead, F. Murrin, J. McCarthy, T. Noonan, Chas. R. O'Leary, J. Powers, George Peters, D. Preston, F. Parks, P. Guinn, M. Roach, D. Roach, Fred Ritter, James T. Summers, J. Stoddart, J. Sweeney, A. Scudamore, Fred Todd, Tom Murray. Members in good standing at present writing are 129. There has been paid out for relief of sick members since its organization \$394.59; valued property of Tribe, \$439.80; amount in bank, \$469.30. The following chiefs were raised to their stumps on first Sun of Buck Moon (or July 1st): Schem, Jesse Van Denburg; Senior Sagamore, M. McMahon; Junior Sagamore, F. Donegan; Chief



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OFFICERS OF PECOS TRIBE I. O. R. M., NO. 357.

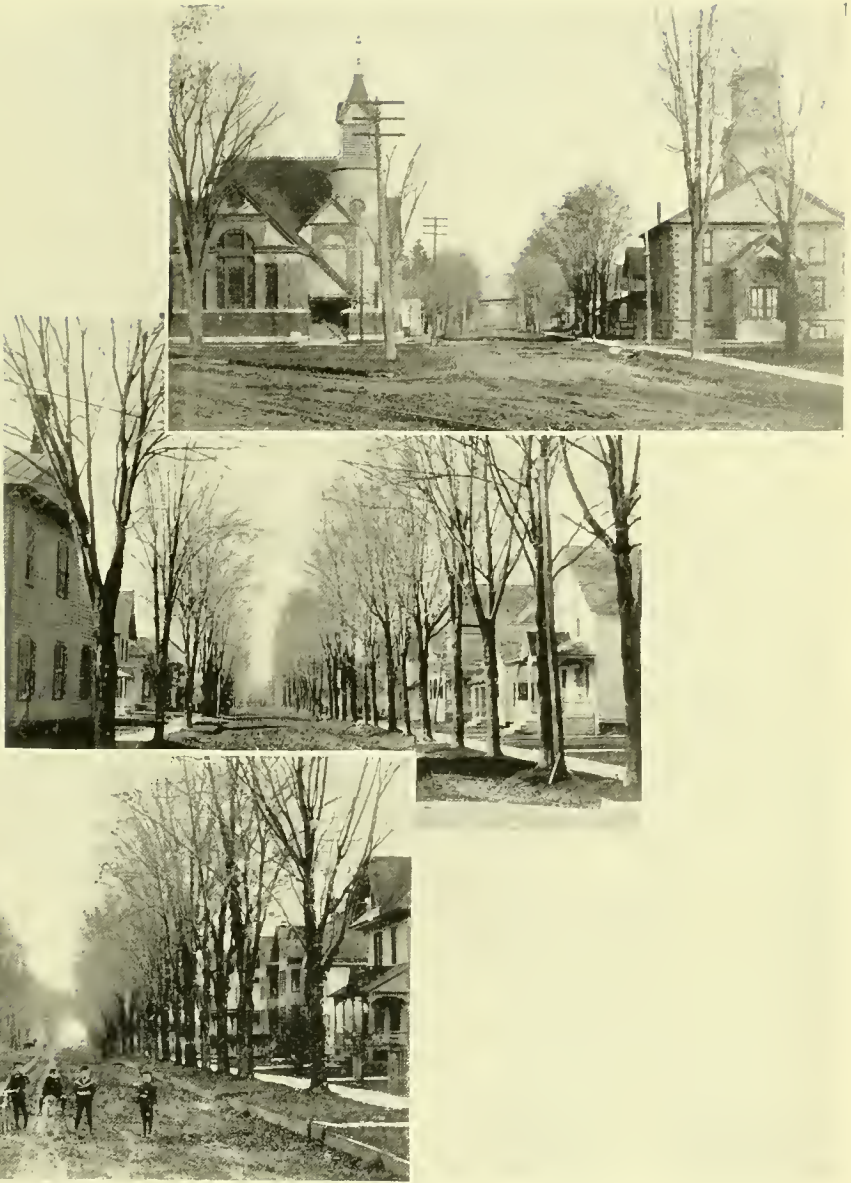
1. Arthur Gutches, G. F. 2. Frank Donegan, J. S. 3. Martin McMahon, S. S. 4. Ernest Summers, G. W. 5. William Galvan, 2d W. 6. F. J. Burns, 1st W. 7. Thomas Kane, 1st Sannap. 8. Jesse Vandenburg, Sachem. 9. Thomas Kernan, 2d S. 10. Paul Drexler, 3d W. 11. William Aldrich, 2d B. 12. James Kelly, C. of W. 13. James Summers, P. S. and C. of R. 14. A. D. Wallace, P. D. G. S. 15. Henry Corcoran, P. D. G. S. 16. John T. Powers, 3d B. 17. Charles Knowles, 4th B. 18. Timothy McMahon, M. M. 19. Charles Wiegand, 1st B. 20. A. S. Brown, Trustee. 21. John Van Inwagen, P. 22. A. J. Klotton, M. M. 23. Vern Allen, 4th W.

which he belonged has ever found him absent while in town and physically able to attend. Always in the forefront of every movement for the upbuilding of his lodge, may he live long to enjoy the fruits of his labors and be a credit to the order which has been and is so dear to his heart.

**Pecos Tribe 357, Improved Order of Red Men,** was instituted on the 8th Sun of Plant Moon, Great Sun Discovery, 406, Common Era, 8th day of April, 1897, with seventy charter members, to wit: D. Warden, J. Van Inwagen, P. Welch, M. Welch, A. D. Wallace, J. Wiegand, M. E. Sarvay, John Andrews, R. Butler, A. Breunig, A. S. Brown, Thomas Butler, William Crapser, J. Burns, Duke Borthwick, Hugh Corcoran, Henry Corcoran, Jerry Conway, R. R. Crab, J. F. Dowd, Dan. Dwyer,

of Records, James T. Summers; Collector of Wampum, James Kelly; Keeper of Wampum, M. E. Sarvay; Prophet, John Van Inwagen; Guard of Wigwam, E. W. Summers; Guard of Forest, A. Gutches; First Sannap, Thomas Kane; Second Sannap, A. Breunig; Trustees, James T. Summers, C. R. O'Leary, E. W. Summers.

**The Mission Bands,** Presbyterian church, are all in a flourishing condition. They are made up of four organizations: The Young Ladies' Mission and the Sunbeam bands among the girls and the Senior and the Junior Coral bands among the boys, representing about one hundred young people. They meet regularly for mission study and work, and add considerable to the missionary funds of the church.



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# A TRIO OF VILLAGE STREETS.

North Church Street.

Maple Avenue.

Elm Street.



Daniel Reilly.

THE RAILROAD STREET MARKET.

Photos by Harris.

**Daniel Reilly** has been engaged in the meat business for twenty-seven years having begun as an apprentice with Crane & Arnold of Homer in 1873, being at that time but thirteen years of age. A year later he came to Cortland and for five years worked for Henry Snyder, afterwards being employed by Brown, Rood & Co. and G. W. Lansing & Co. In August, 1886, he formed a co-partnership with John Felkel and the firm of Reilly & Felkel opened a market on Railroad street, the first place of business located on that thoroughfare. The business is still conducted at the same place by Mr. Reilly, Mr. Felkel having retired in April, 1890, and the former is the only man in Cortland then engaged in the business who has conducted it continuously since then and who may be called the pioneer in the trade. He is a practical meat dresser and an extensive local

dealer in pork as well as a manufacturer of table supplies accessory to the business. Mr. Reilly was born in Homer, Sept. 17, 1860. On Feb. 11, 1885, he married Lenora Ready of Cortland. He is a member of the Emerald Hose Co. R. E. Reilly, the head of the firm of R. E. Reilly & Co., whose market is at No. 6 North Main street, learned the business while working for Reilly & Felkel on Railroad street, where he was employed from 1887 until 1892. The following three years he worked for Felkel on Clinton avenue, and on April 13, 1896, together with his brother Daniel, formed the present firm and opened the market which had been conducted by different parties for several years without success. Since then the business has been conducted in a successful manner and been made to pay. Mr. Reilly was born in Homer, Oct. 29, 1873.



R. E. Reilly.

THE MODEL MARKET.

Photos by Harris.

**Village Presidents and Clerks.**—Cortland was incorporated Nov. 5, 1853. Those who have served as presidents and clerks to the present time (Jan., 1900) are as follows, the name of the president being given first in each instance: 1853-1856, Joseph Reynolds, Charles Foster; 1857, A. S. Higgins, Charles Foster; 1858, A. S. Higgins, H. Crandall; 1859-'60, Thomas Keator, H. A. Randall; 1861, Thomas Keator, Charles Foster; 1862, Allen B. Smith, Wm. R. Stone; 1863, Henry Brewer, H. L. Collins; 1864, John T. Barnes, B. B. Andrews; 1865, Charles Foster, B. B. Andrews; 1866, Charles Foster, H. A. Randall; 1867, Charles Foster, I. H. Palmer; 1868-'9, Charles Foster, H. A. Randall; 1870, H. Crandall, H. A. Randall; 1871, J. S. Barber, I. M. Seaman; 1872, W. H. Crane, B. A. Benedict; 1873, W. D. Tisdale, Dorr C. Smith; 1874, J. C. Carmichael, Dorr C. Smith; 1875, James M. Smith, Dorr C. Smith; 1876, J. C. Carmichael, John C. Putnam; 1877-'8, J. S. Barber, E. S. More; 1879, R. B. Smith, E. S. More;

is a side degree composed of members having attained the chief degree of the Improved O. R. M. and their motto is "Fun and Good Fellowship," as the following Haymakers' Terminology, will show: Hayloft—meeting place; Barnyard—reception room; Field—open space; Tramps—red men; Council—meeting; Hitching Post, Stall and Bin—positions occupied by officers; Trough—water receptacle; spring—liquid refreshments; Fodder—eatables; Bale of Hay—candidate; Bundle—dollar; Straw—cent; Mow—treasury; Regalia—straw hat; Pitchfork, Rake, Flail, Scythe—haymakers' implements; Overalls and Linen Dusters—full dress costumes; Weed—cigar; Grass—chewing tobacco; Rake Tooth—cigarette; Smoke House—pipe; Police—call for fine; Guilty—come up; Good Condition—good standing; Bad Condition—bad standing. The following are the officers: Chief haymaker, Wm. Spencer; overseer, E. W. Summers; guard of hayloft, Charles Kane; guard



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MAIN STREET (WEST SIDE) NEAR COURT, 1870.

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1880, L. J. Fitzgerald, E. S. More; 1881-'2, I. H. Palmer, J. Hubbard; 1883, A. Mahan, J. Hubbard, (F. Hatch to fill vacancy caused by death of Hubbard); 1884, D. E. Smith, F. Hatch; 1885, Hugh Duffey, F. Hatch; 1886, Gershom W. Bradford, F. Hatch; 1887, Harrison Wells, F. Hatch; 1888, Frank H. Cobb, F. Hatch; 1889, Irving H. Palmer, F. Hatch; 1890, Daniel E. Smith, F. Hatch; 1891, Calvin P. Walrad, F. Hatch; 1892, Charles H. Price, F. Hatch; 1893, Calvin P. Walrad, F. Hatch; 1894, Wayland D. Tisdale, F. Hatch; 1895, Francis W. Higgins, F. Hatch; 1896, Henry F. Benton, F. Hatch; 1897, Duane E. Call, F. Hatch; 1898, Arthur F. Stilson, W. C. Crombie; 1899, Samuel N. Holden, F. Hatch.

**Victor Hayloft, 357 1-2**, Hay Makers Association of New York, was instituted on September 27, 1897, with twenty tramps. The Hay Makers

of barn door, Frank Donegan; horn blower, Martin McMahon; boss driver, Vernon Allen; collector of straws, Paul Drexler; keeper of bundles, M. E. Sarvay; past chief haymakers, Charles Eddy, John Powers, Jerry McCarthy, Jas. T. Summers, John Mellon, Chas. R. O'Leary, George H. Gleason; representative to state haymakers' convention held at Matteawan the last week in March, 1900, Jas. T. Summers.

**The Earliest Landlords** in Cortland village were Danforth Merrick, whose tavern stood on the present site of the Cortland House, Joshua Ballard, whose hotel was on what is now the northwest corner of Main and Court streets, where the National Bank stands, Nathan Luce, where the Messenger House now stands and Samuel Ingles, who kept hotel on what is now the site of Sager & Jennings' drug store.

**The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co.** was organized in Homer, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1882, under the name of The Homer Wagon Co., Limited, the first president being Geo. W. Phillips, A. W. Hobart being the secretary and treasurer. In the fall of 1887 the business was removed to Cortland, locating in the old shops on Railroad street, now the site of the Central school. The following fall ground was broken on Court street where, during that year, the large shops since occupied by the plant were constructed. In December, 1888, the new factory was running; these large buildings having been constructed in the incredibly short space of three months. The main building, occupying three sides of a square and built entirely of brick, is three stories high, and is surmounted by three towers—the elevator and water towers. It is five hundred feet long and is equipped with automatic sprinklers as a protection against fire; and electric fire alarms, time clock and electric watchman's clock. The buildings occupy two acres of ground and have a capacity for turning out five thousand jobs a year. When running on full time one hundred men are employed in the works. The power is supplied by two forty horse-power boilers. The warerooms are especially advantageous, as one hundred complete jobs on wheels can be shown. The factory is the outgrowth of years of experience in carriage building and it is fitted with all the latest and most improved machinery for doing first-class work. A switch track connecting with the D. L. & W. railroad runs into the premises so that work may be loaded for shipment. The cost of the buildings was sixty-five thousand dollars. In 1887 H. M. Whitney succeeded Mr. Phillips as president of the company and on January 4, 1892, the name of the company was changed to The H. M. Whitney Co., at which time E. S. Burrowes became the secretary and treasurer, in which position he has since continued and taken an active part in the affairs of the company. On November 3, 1897, the name was changed to The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co. The present officers of the com-



Hyatt, Photos. H. M. WHITNEY. E. S. BURROWES.

pany are H. M. Whitney, president, and Edwin S. Burrowes, secretary and treasurer. Henry Morton Whitney was born in Moravia, N. Y., May 16, 1851, being one of a family of twelve children. He was the second son of William H. Whitney and Melissa Rogers Whitney and is one of the descendants of Henry Whitney, the founder of the Whitney family in America, who settled at Southold, L. I., in 1649. On leaving school he selected the law as a profession, but had only pursued his studies a few months along this line when his father died leaving him the only support of a widowed mother and several small children. He decided to learn a trade and with this end in view he moved to Tully, N. Y., and entered the employ of S. W. Cately, who was then the pioneer in carriage building in a large way



H. M. WHITNEY WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

in this state. After remaining with Mr. Catley for about three years, he abandoned the carriage business and in 1871 moved to Syracuse, N. Y., and for several years was manager for The Elias Howe Sewing Machine company at Oswego and Auburn, N. Y.; going south in the fall of 1875 to take charge of the Singer Manufacturing Co.'s business at Parkersburg, W. Va., and Marietta, Ohio. In 1881 he located in Homer, N. Y., and during a part of that year traveled on the road as a carriage salesman; in the fall of 1882 he organ-

ized to Anna M. Barron of Cortland, N. Y. His father, William Henry Whitney, was born in Middlesex, now Darien, Conn., June 29, 1798, and died at Moravia, N. Y., February 15, 1868. His mother, who was Melissa Rogers Whitney, was born at Sempronius, N. Y., October 4, 1824, and died at Homer, N. Y., August 4, 1887. Edwin S. Burrowes was born on the 15th day of August, 1857, at the summer home of his father, Edwin A. Burrowes, on the banks of the St. Lawrence river near Gananoque, Ont. He passed his



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ized the Homer Wagon Company, Limited, which name was afterward changed to The H. M. Whitney Wagon Company. Throughout the whole history of this company Mr. Whitney has been the central figure in its management and is the one for whom the company was named. He was its projector and superintendent at the outset and, upon the retirement of Mr. Phillips in 1887, he was elected president, which position he has held and has been throughout practically the sole manager. On September 18, 1877, he was mar-

ried to Anna M. Barron of Cortland, N. Y. He attended school and was employed in the office of the Clayton Rafting Co. In 1875 he was graduated at Meade's Commercial college in Syracuse, N. Y., and in 1877 he went to New York, where he entered the office of the Engineering and Mining Journal. Subsequently he became connected with the printing and lithographing business of Edwin Hoyt and afterwards with Hoyt & Crane. From 1881 to 1884 Mr. Burrowes followed the sea, sailing on many voyages between New York,

Central America and South American ports. In 1884 he settled at St. Louis, Mo., with Linberg & Garland in the real estate and mining business and in 1888-1889 he had charge of the opening and developing of the American Mining Company's properties in Saline County, Arkansas. In 1889 he married Etta Gregg Whitney, sister of Henry M. Whitney of Cortland, New York, and the following year on Mr. Whitney's invitation came east and became identified with the business of The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co., of which he is now secretary and treasurer.



Photo by Butler. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

**The Presbyterian Church.**—The first steps toward the organization of the Presbyterian church of Cortland were taken on Nov. 25, 1824, when a meeting was held at the court house in Cortland, at which Daniel Budlong was chairman and David Joline was clerk, and at which a committee was appointed to report a constitution and by-laws for the projected enterprise. On Dec. 2, 1824, a second meeting was held at the same place, at which the society was formally organized under the name of "The Presbyterian Church and Society of Cortland Village." At this time six trustees were elected, as follows: William Elder, William Ran-

dall, Prosper Cravath, Salmon Jewett, Moses Kinne and Lemuel Dada. This was but the society. The church was organized on April 16, 1825, with six members, as follows: David Joline and his wife Lucetta, John A. Freer and his wife Rachael, Eliza Dudley and Persis Avery. The first elders of the church were Lemuel Dada, David Joline and Gardner K. Clark. In April, 1826, steps were taken toward the building of a church edifice, and the trustees were appointed a building committee. A lot was secured from Jonathan Hubbard on the present site of the church, and pledges were made

amounting to a little over \$3,000, payable one-third in cash and the remainder in stock and grain. The builder was Simeon Rouse. The church was dedicated Jan. 1, 1828, and continued as the place of worship for the society, though twice repaired and enlarged, till June 2, 1889, when the last service was held. The following day the work of tearing it down began preparatory to the erection of the present very handsome and commodious edifice of stone, which was constructed at a cost of about \$48,000, and which was dedicated May 28, 1890. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000, and the Sunday-school room in the rear of about 450. The membership of the church at its last annual meeting (April 6, 1899) was 624, and of the Sunday-school 630. So rapidly is the Sunday-school growing that an architect is now preparing plans for an addition to the Sunday-school room to be made next summer, which will add to its seating capacity about one-third. The entire list of pastors of the church, with their terms of service, is as follows: Rev. William Bacon, May, 1825—May, 1827; Rev. Luke Lyons, October, 1827—June, 1831; Rev. Nathaniel E. Johnson, November, 1832—November, 1834; Rev. John A. Foot, June, 1835—March, 1837; Rev. Peter Lockwood, October, 1837—July, 1842; Rev. Hercules Dunham, September, 1842—, 1856; Rev. Ova H. Seymour, January, 1858—September, 1863; Rev. Irving L. Benan, October, 1863—May, 1866; Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, October, 1866—October, 1868; Rev. Samuel H. Howe, D. D., October, 1869—September, 1872; Rev. Thomas Street, D. D., June, 1873—October, 1878; Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., February, 1879—July, 1881; Rev. James L. Robertson, D. D., November, 1882—October, 1896; Rev. John Timothy Stone, November, 1896. The present officers of the church are: Ruling elders, Lewis Bouton, Alonzo D. Blodgett, Henry F. Benton, Seymour M. Ballard, Marcus H. McGraw; Adolphus F. Tanner, Alfred Greene and Benjamin L. Webb; deacons, Henry C. Lovell,

Charles W. Collins, Arthur B. Nelson and Henry B. Greenman. Trustees—David F. Wallace, president; F. D. Smith, secretary; William S. Copeland, treasurer; Calvin P. Walrad, Chester F. Wickwire and Theodore H. Wickwire.

**The Earliest Industries**—Cortland lays claim to the first practical nail making machinery put into operation. About 1815 William Sherman equipped the rear part of a saw mill standing on the road between Cortland and Homer with machinery which was self-feeding and from the iron that went through cut the nails into the required shape and length and turned them out headed and with the letter S stamped in the head. The sawmill was owned and operated by McClure and both establishments used the same water power. In 1824 Martin Merrick supplanted the nail industry with wool carding and cloth dressing machinery which he carried on until 1833 when it passed into the hands of Horace Dibble who conducted the industry until comparatively recent years. The buildings or part of them now occupied by Cooper Bros. were erected in 1823 by Nelson Spencer for a paper mill, only coarse wrapping paper being made. In 1832 or '33 Speed & Sinclair took the property, which had been laying idle some time, and made fine paper, and in 1847 Daniel Bradford assumed control, the business having for a time been conducted by the employees on the co-operative basis. In 1864 the old place passed into the hands of Francis Sears, John B. Cottrell and Stephen D. Freer, who converted it into a flax seed oil mill. The firm dissolved in 1866, and in 1871 Mr. Freer gave up the business. The mills then lay idle until occupied by Cooper Bros. In the seventies violins were manufactured in Cortland by Lewis Hannum. Jonathan Hubbard built a grist mill near the banks of the river in 1802 or '3, which passed into the possession of Horace White in 1824, afterwards Abram and then his son Ebenezer Mudge; next, Carr & Moses, and later Daniel Rose and finally Thomas F. Brayton. Sylvester Blair constructed a small building near Otter creek in 1829, which was used for the manufacture of pottery, the clay being brought in from New Jersey on flat boats. In 1834 Mason & Russell bought the business, which in 1839 passed into the hands of Chollar & Darby. Ten years later they sold it to Madison Woodruff who in 1858 built larger buildings on Groton-ave. and who continued the business with varying fortunes down to the eighties. In 1832 Daniel Larned established works for the manufacture of agricultural imple-

ments. When seven or eight years of age Mr. Stone's home was transferred to Albany, N. Y. He graduated from the Albany High school in 1887, and entered Amherst college the following fall, graduating from that institution in the class of 1891, of which he was class orator. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In the fall of the same year he became a student in Auburn Theological seminary, graduating with the class of 1894. His first charge was in Utica, N. Y., as pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian church, settling there immediately upon graduation from Auburn. He accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Cortland in the fall of 1896, where he is now located. In the fall of 1895 Mr. Stone was married to Miss Bessie Parsons of Toronto, the youngest daughter of the Rev. Henry M. Parsons, D. D., pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church of that city. They have one child, Elizabeth Parsons, born October 13, 1898.



Zora Cayvette, Photo. INTERIOR OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

**List of Postmasters.**—(Add—See page 46)—On the 19th day of May, 1814, the Cortlandville post office was established. Oliver Wiswell, a lawyer and a man of importance in the early history of this town was first postmaster. The mail which was small was brought from Syracuse once a day by a four-horse stage coach. Its arrival was announced by the vigorous tooting of a horn from the upper end of Main street to the post office door. This was the only enlivening event of the day. A person was considered fortunate who received one letter a month and in order to get that had to pay as high as twenty-five cents for postage. The people of Cortland since that time have been served by about 20 postmasters. They are as follows, giving dates of service so far as can be learned and location of post office:—Oliver Wiswell, 1814; Samuel Nelson, 1822-1823; Charles Lyndes, 1823-1824; John Lyndes, 1824-1825; Roswell Randall, 1825-1830, (Eagle block); Canfield Marsh, 1830 —; Richard Schouten, — 1841; Joel B. Hubbard, 1841-1841; Tercuis

**Reverend John Timothy Stone**, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cortland, was born in the town of Stowe (Maynard) Mass., on September 7, 1868. He is the son of Rev. Timothy Dwight Porter Stone, who spent a large portion of his life in the Congregational ministry in eastern Massa-

Fels, 1841-1842; Danforth Merrick, 1842-1842; Andrew Dickson, 1842 ———, (corner Main and Port Watson street); Hiram Crandall, ——— 1861, (rear of Randall block); Horace A. Jarvis, 1861-1878, (rear of the National bank, moved to Wallace building); James A. Nixon, 1878-1886, (moved to Standard building); James F. Maybury, 1886-1890; S. M. Ballard, 1890-1894; B. B. Jones, 1894-1896; C. F. Thompson, 1896-1897; Virginia Jones, 1897-1899; Andrew S. Brown, 1899. The office now

sions." The library was the outcome of a most earnest desire on the part of the pastor that his people should be furnished with the means for "intelligent interest" in missions.

**Ladies' Home Mission and Church Aid Society** was first organized in the early history of the Presbyterian church as "The Ladies' Sewing Society," and was so called until September, 1878, when it was changed to its present name. Until recently the work has been carried on with money received



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#### THE CLERGYMEN OF CORTLAND.

Rev. J. T. Stone, Pres. Ch.	Rev. O. A. Houghton, First M. E. Ch.
Rev. W. J. Howell, First Bap. Ch.	Rev. G. E. T. Stevenson, Mem. Bap. Ch.
Rev. Amos Watkins, Grace Epis. Ch.	Rev. U. S. Millburn, Univer. Ch.
Rev. J. C. B. Moyer, Homer Ave. M. E. Ch.	Rev. J. J. McLoghlin, St. Mary's Cath. Ch.
Rev. O. M. Owens, Free Meth. Ch.	Rev. W. H. Pound, Cong. Ch.

sends to Uncle Sam's treasury, annually, \$10,000 net over and above all expenses. The weight of mails dispatched for 45 days beginning Oct. 3, ending Nov. 6, 1899, 20,636 lbs. 15 oz.

**The Mission Library**, Presbyterian church, was opened March 3, 1898, with 137 volumes, and 48 have since been added by purchase and gift. It is dedicated to the memory of Miss Eliza Vennette Stephens, "who was deeply interested in mis-

sions." The library was the outcome of a most earnest desire on the part of the pastor that his people should be furnished with the means for "intelligent interest" in missions. The library was first organized in the early history of the Presbyterian church as "The Ladies' Sewing Society," and was so called until September, 1878, when it was changed to its present name. Until recently the work has been carried on with money received from entertainments and suppers. At present the money used is entirely from voluntary offerings, a part of which consists of monthly pledges. The meetings are held the third Friday in each month, except July and August. In November a Praise service is held at which time a special Thank offering is given. In the fall boxes of clothing and other necessary articles are sent, one to a Home Missionary and one to the Freedmen.



### THREE DESIRABLE RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

Rickard Street, (Hyatt, Photo.)

Argyle Place, (Harris, Photo.)

Union Street, (Harris, Photo.)

**Cortland Public Schools**—The Cortland Union Free school, District No. 1, was organized by the passage of a special act of the Legislature in 1880. This district was made up from districts lying within the corporate limits of the village of Cortland. Prior to this time the public schools of Cortland were a part of the common school district system of the town. The first school building erected within the limits of the village of Cortland stood on the site afterwards occupied by the old Eagle hotel, now known as the Messenger House corner. We find the records of a frame school building on Port Watson street and of a frame and of a cobblestone school building on Church street. The cobblestone building was erected in 1845 and we think it is the oldest of these buildings judging from the deeds on record in the County Clerk's office. It was also abandoned last of the old school buildings as it was only discontinued in 1892. During the first half of the century the schools which we term secondary

ings of Cortland are now designated as the First Ward (Owego St.), Second Ward (Schermerhorn St.), and Third Ward (Pomeroy St.) schools; and the Central school. The First, Second and Third Ward schools are two-story frame buildings, well lighted and heated and provided with single desks and slate blackboards. The First and Second Ward buildings have good systems of ventilation and modern improvements in the basement. They have well kept lawns, fences and walks. The First and Third Wards are four-roomed buildings. The Second Ward school has just been enlarged to a six-room building with a well-equipped kindergarten in the front room on the first floor. The building is heated by steam. The Central school building is a large brick structure with ten rooms. It is equipped with all the modern improvements, including the "Smead System" of heating and ventilation. In this building are located the grades, the academic department, the superintendent's office and the public school library. The



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1900.—(See Key with Sk. P. 98)

schools were in those days mostly private. Cortland had her Female Seminary started in 1828 and located on the Wallace corner, at Main and Court streets. This institution for girls flourished for a number of years. She also had her boys' Polytechnic which in 1842 became the Cortlandville academy. This school flourished until 1867. In 1869 the academy was closed, the building removed and the lot conveyed to the state on condition that an academic department be maintained in the new State Normal school. In 1882 the Board of Education of Cortland began the erection of two new school buildings, the first of the buildings now in use in the public schools, one located on Schermerhorn street and the other located on Owego street. These schools were opened in September of 1883. In the spring of 1884 they began the erection of a third building on Pomeroy street. This school was opened in September, 1884. In 1891 an appropriation was voted to build the Central school, which was located on Railroad street. This building was opened for school purposes in April, 1893. The school build-

ing district owns about \$500 worth of school apparatus and has a library of 1362 volumes valued at \$1,500. It has a supplementary reading library of 450 volumes. The school buildings, including the superintendent's office, are connected with the public telephone service. The first superintendent of the public schools of Cortland was Prof. Chas. S. Sanderson, elected in Nov., 1883. He resigned his position in 1886 and Col. Frank Place was elected to fill the vacancy. He resigned in 1893. Prof. C. V. Coon was elected to the position and held it until July, 1896. He was followed by the present superintendent, F. E. Smith. There are twenty-six teachers employed in the public schools. The teachers are all graduates of Normal or professional schools with from three to fifteen years of experience in teaching. Eighteen of our teachers receive \$12 per week and the rest of them \$10 and \$11 per week.

The Board of Education consists of nine members, each having the title "Commissioner." They hold monthly meetings to transact the business of the district. The condition of the pub-



Photos by Harris.

THE FACULTY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—[See Key with Sk. P. 98.]

lic schools to-day speaks for their wise and liberal public policy. It is their aim to make the Cortland public school as good and as progressive as any system of schools to be found in the state. The names of the Board of Education and teachers of the public schools are as follows:

#### Board of Education.

Albertis A. Carley, President (1)  
Charles F. Brown, (2) and  
N. Jay Peck, (3) term expires, 1900.  
Ferdinand D. Smith, (4)  
Edward Keator, (5) and  
Wm. J. Greenman, (6) term expires, 1901.  
George J. Mager, (7)  
Albert W. Edgcomb, (8) and  
Milton H. Yale, (9) term expires, 1902.  
James R. Birdlebough, (10) truant officer.

#### Third Ward School.

Lulu M. Forrest, (23)  
Olive H. Parker, (24)  
Mary Louise Fairchild, (25)  
Mary E. Woodbury, (26)  
Rosabelle V. Townsend, (27)

—F. E. SMITH.

**The Fortnightly Club.**—On the afternoon of Nov. 14, 1894, a number of ladies met for the purpose of forming a literary society. The outcome of this meeting was the organization of the Fortnightly club of Cortland, N. Y. The club held its first meeting Nov. 28, 1894, and the meetings have been held fortnightly since that time from September to June of each year. The constitution gives as the object of the society, "the de-



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#### Faculty.

Ferdinand E. Smith, A. B., Supt. (1).

#### Central School Teachers.

Fannie M. Galusha, (2)  
L. May McCulloch, (3)  
Ada J. Wallace, (4)  
Mary E. Williams, (5)  
Anna M. Knapp (6)  
Anne Flanagan (7)  
Clara A. Perry, (8)  
Lena R. Conable, (9)  
Ella C. Garrity, (10)  
Ella M. Van Hoesen, (11)

#### Special Teachers.

Mary B. Bentley, Drawing, (12)  
Elizabeth M. Turner, Music, (13)

#### First Ward School.

Anna M. Sharp, (14)  
Mabel L. Graves, (15)  
Nettie E. Cole, (16)  
Mary E. Van Bergen, (17)

#### Second Ward School.

Anna C. George, (18)  
Mary C. Van Gorden, (19)  
Grace Mead, (20)  
Clara A. Benedict, (21)  
E. Louise Adams, Kindergarten, (22)

velopment and improvement of literary taste and culture to be sought in the study of art, literature and kindred subjects." Literature and current topics have been studied each year. 1899-1900 is devoted to the study of art. The club organized with nineteen members as follows: Miss Harriet Allen, Miss Cornelia L. Brown, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Miss Belle Fitzgerald, Miss Maude Fitzgerald, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, Mrs. L. M. Head, Mrs. G. P. Hollenbeck, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Mrs. A. M. Jewett, Miss Clara Keator, Miss Martha McGraw, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. G. A. Tisdale, Miss Elizabeth Turner, Mrs. James Walsh, Miss Cornelia A. White, Miss Mary H. White, Miss Leah Wallace. The membership was limited to twenty at first, later it was extended to twenty-five, and at present the limit is thirty. As a fitting tribute to her zeal as one of the prime movers in the organization of the Fortnightly club, Miss Belle Fitzgerald was chosen its first president. The following is a list of the presidents and the work taken up with each respectively: 1894-1895, Miss Belle Fitzgerald, Reading of Shakespeare's Plays; 1895-1896, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, A Year in England; 1896-1897, Miss Elizabeth Turner, English Authors; 1897-1898, Miss Cornelia A. White, American Authors; 1898-1899, Miss Maude Fitz-

gerald, American Events and Literature from Civil War to present day; 1899-1900, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Art in Italy. Three social events are held during the year. Two are limited to club members—one arranged by the entertainment committee, and the other, under the name of "President's Day," in charge of the outgoing president. The third entertainment is in the form of a play, and friends of the society are invited. During the five years of the club's existence death has twice entered its ranks. Miss Belle Fitzgerald died Aug. 31, 1898, and Mrs. R. S. Robertson, one of the honorary members, died April 3, 1899. The present officers are: President, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis; Vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. F. I. Graham; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. McGraw.

The list of active members is as follows: Miss Harriet Allen, Mrs. G. H. Ames, Mrs. Clara H. Benedict, Mrs. W. M. Booth, Miss Cornelia L. Brown, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Miss Mande Fitzgerald, Mrs. F. I. Graham, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, Miss Celia Hinman, Mrs. G. P. Hollenbeck, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Mrs. O. A. Kinney, Miss L. May McCulloch, Mrs. F. L. McDowell, Mrs. G. W. McGraw, Miss Martha McGraw, Miss Grace Mead, Mrs. J. G. Osgood, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. Edward Stilson, Miss Lillie H. Stone, Miss Elizabeth Turner, Miss Edith Turner, Mrs. F. M. Van Hoesen, Miss Ella M. Van Hoesen, Mrs. Jas. Walsh, Mrs. B. L. Webb, Miss Cornelia A. White, Miss Mary H. White. Honorary Members: Mrs. C. W. Aiken, Mrs. Charlotte N. Head, Mrs. A. M. Jewett, Mrs. C. A. Moser, Mrs. T. F. Ward.

**Masonic**—The first meeting of Cortlandville Lodge, 470, F. & A. M. was held in the Odd Fellows hall, Cortland, April 2, 1859, by virtue of a dispensation having been granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The petitioners from Homer and Marathon lodges and Ancient Masons were the following charter members: Ancient, Joseph Reynolds, Horace Dibble, C. L. Mattison; Homer Lodge, R. Holland Duell, Stephen R. Hunter, Franklyn Goodyear; Marathon Lodge, Horace L. Green, C. B. Chittenden, Oscar Allis, Abram P. Smith, James A. Schermerhorn, Samuel L. Thompson, Oscar V. Eldridge, Benoni Bullman, Josiah Hart, Jr. At the first meeting the following officers presided: Master, Wm. B. Beck, Master Homer Lodge; S. W., Isaac Smith, Homer Lodge; J. W., B. Bullman, Marathon Lodge; Treas., Franklyn Goodyear, Marathon Lodge; Sect'y, H. L. Green, Marathon Lodge; Josiah Hart, Jr., J. D.; O. H. Allis, Sentinel. It was moved and carried that the By Laws of Homer Lodge be adopted to govern the lodge at present. The lodge worked under the dispensation till the following June when a warrant was granted and June 29, 1859, the following grand officers were present and constituted the

lodge and installed the officers who had been elected: M. W. Grand Master, Clinton F. Paige; R. W. Dept. Master, Orrin Welch; R. W. Grand Sen. Warden, Stiles M. Rusk; Grand Jun. Warden, Charles W. Snow; Grand Treas., J. G. Chapman; Grand Sect'y, Geo. J. Gardner; Grand Sen. Dea., ——— Lilley; Grand Jun. Dea., ——— Smith. The following were installed the first officers of the lodge: R. Holland Duell, W. Master; Stephen R. Hunter, Sen. Warden; Franklin Goodyear, Jun. Warden; Levi R. Gleason, Treasurer; Daniel H. Burr, Sect'y. The remaining officers are not mentioned in the records. The lodge continued to meet in the Odd Fellows rooms in the old Lyman block opposite the Cortland House for several years, then it was moved



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to the building known as Masonic Hall block. These rooms being too small, another move was made in 1891 to the present location in the Hopkins block. There are now over 200 members in good standing. The lodge records show over 600 names but deaths, suspensions and dimitts leave about its present membership and still adding to its rolls. The Past Masters: R. Holland Duell, (deceased); S. R. Hunter, (deceased); E. D. Van Slyck, (deceased); Jonathan Hubbard, (deceased); Dewitt C. McGraw, (deceased); O. Hitchcock, (deceased); Wm. W. Gale, (deceased); A. D. Waters, (deceased); H. O. Jewett; M. A. Rice, (deceased); H. T. Dana, John W. Suggett, W. D. Tisdale, S. S. Knox, Geo. S. Sands, Jas. R. Schermerhorn, George L. Warren, Abram Crawley, F. C. Melvin, Benj. Peters. The present officers are: T. T. Bates, Master; Frank P. Hakes, S. War.; C. S. Bull, J. War.; George L. Warren, Treasurer; M. J. Grady, Secretary; Benj. Peters, Sen. Dea.; E. W. Loomis, Jr. Dea.; S. S. Knox, S. M. C.; Wilfred Kelley, J. M. C.; Rev. A. Watkins, Chaplain; George L. Warren, Marshall; A. B. Kingsley, Organist; Chas. F. Brown, Chorister; Robert Otto, Tiler; S. S. Knox, G. W. Bradford, Geo. L. Warren, Trustees.

**Cortland Chapter**, No. 194, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted by Seymour H. Stone, D. G. High Priest, April 30, 1866, by virtue of a warrant issued by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held at Albany, Feb. 6, 1866. The first officers were: Roswell K. Bourne, High Priest; Samuel Adams, King; George L. Warren, Scribe; John W. Osgood, C. of H.; Wm. H. Crane, P. S.; G. W. Davenport, R. A. C.; R. Walworth Bourne, M. 1st. V.; Horace Dibble, Treas. Several companions were present from Washington Chapter at Homer. Geo. L. Warren acted as secretary. The following petitions were received at this the first meeting: Josiah Hart, S. R. Hunter, A. D. Waters, W. D. Tisdale, D. C. McGraw, C. W. Kinne, J. H. Knapp, C. P. Cole, A. Sager and A. D. Reed, who were elected at the next meeting and received the M. M. degree, assisted by several companions from Homer Chapter. In September following R. W. Jos. B. Chaffee was sent to the Chapter as Grand Lecturer to instruct the officers in their duties. Thus the Chapter started out on its work and has con-

W. S. Copeland, Treas.; D. H. Burr, Recorder; P. Van Bergen, St. Bearer; E. M. Seacord, Sw. Bearer; R. E. Hill, Warder. The following petitions were received at the first conclave: Louis De Gan, J. J. Taggart, Oliver Hitchcock, B. T. Wright, W. D. Tisdale, John A. Freer, R. C. Shattuck. The following Commanderies were present at the conclave and assisted in the ceremonies: Central City of Syracuse, Malta of Binghamton, St. Augustine of Ithaca, and ever after the most fraternal relations have always existed between these Commanderies. At the next conclave the petitions were acted upon and the candidates were made Knights Templars with the exception of W. D. Tisdale. O. Hitchcock was elected sentinel and always acted in that place till failing health required him to decline the office. The Past Commanders are: Wm. H. Crane, Geo. L. Warren, E. M. Seacord, H. T. Dana, A. B. Nelson, Albert Allen, Frank P. Hakes. The officers 1899: A. M. Jewett, Commander; F. P. Hakes, Generalissimo; T. T. Bates, Capt. General; H. T. Dana, Prel.; C. F. Thompson, Treas.; Geo. H. Kennedy, Recorder; M. E. Sarvay, Sen. Warden; Bert W. Rood, Jun. Warden; H. D. Hunt, Standard Bearer; A. Fisher, Sword Bearer; Geo. J. Mager, Warder; C. E. Ingalls, First Guard; T. P. Bristol, Second Guard; J. R. Birdlebough, Third Guard; Robt. Otto, Sentinel; R. Bushby, W. H. Crane, C. F. Brown, Trustees.

#### **Geo. Edmund Traver**

**Stevenson**, the third son of George H. and Sarah L. Stevenson, was born in Green Island, N. Y., on March 1, 1873. He entered Colgate Academy in 1889, the Colgate University in 1893, being a member of the Class of '97, and the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., 1894. He became pastor of the East Washington Heights Baptist church the same year,

and was ordained as a Baptist minister Nov. 10, 1895. He was a student in the Theological department of Howard University in '96-'97, and entered the University of Chicago in 1897, supplying the pulpits of the Baptist churches at Custer Park and Grant Park, Ill., during the year '97-'98. He entered Colgate University (Hamilton Theological Seminary) April, 1899. He was appointed chaplain, with the rank of captain, of Gen. Greene B. Raun's provisional regiment of volunteers in the war with Spain. Enlisting as a private in Co. H, First Infantry Illinois U. S. Volunteers, he served in "the Santiago Campaign." He became pastor of the Memorial Baptist church, Cortland, Sept. 1, 1899. He received the degrees of A. B. ('96), A. M. ('97), from the Columbian University; D. B. from the University of Chicago (April convocation, 1899), and D. B. from Colgate University (1899). He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.



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tinued during all these years. Its progress has been slow but sure. There have been 184 names on the rolls. There have been losses by deaths, suspensions and dimits and the present membership is 90 members in good standing. The officers, 1899, are: F. P. Hakes, H. P.; H. T. Dana, K.; E. E. Ellis, S.; C. F. Thompson, Treas.; George H. Kennedy, Sec'y.; C. S. Bull, C. of H.; George L. Warren, P. S.; T. T. Bates, R. A. C.; J. W. Ginn, M. 3 V.; F. W. Higgins, M. 2 V.; J. R. Birdlebough; M. 1 V.; Rob't Otto, Sentinel; I. Whiteson, H. T. Dana, C. L. Ingalls, Trustees.

**Cortland Commandery**, No. 50, Knights Templar, was constituted Oct. 24, 1870, by virtue of a dispensation issued by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York, dated Oct. 17, 1870, the charter members having received the orders in St. Augustine Commandery at Ithaca. The first officers were: W. H. Crane, Commander; A. Sager, Generalissimo; Geo. L. Warren, Capt. Gen'l.; J. D. Benton, Prel.; M. A. Rice, Sen. Warden; W. F. Burdick, Jun. Warden;

**The Young People's Society**, Presbyterian church, was first organized in March, 1880, during the pastorate of Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., under the name of the Young People's Christian Union. The first president was Dr. James M. Milne, who acted for two years. The name and constitution were changed in 1891 to that of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Prof. D. L. Bardwell was the promoter of the change, and was one of the most efficient workers at the time. The membership is composed quite largely of Normal students. Together with the other societies of the Binghamton Presbytery, it supports Rev. William Leverett, a missionary in Hainan, China. It also contributes to the Asheville Farm School at Asheville, N. C. The pledge system of systematic giving has been adopted by the society. The present officers are: President, Sarah G. Ross; vice-president, Edward H. Bierce; secretary, Florence H. Churton; treasurer, Samuel B. Howe, Jr.

### **The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of**

the Presbyterian church was organized March 24, 1876, with eight members. The original officers were as follows: Mrs. Thomas Street, president; Mrs. Harrison Givens, first vice-president; Miss Mary Hendrick, second vice-president; Mrs. Henry Benton, third vice-president; Miss Clara E. Booth, secretary and treasurer. The society now numbers about sixty members, and its contributions during the past year amounted to \$187.50. The total amount contributed to foreign missions since the organization of the society has been \$4,160.89. The present officers are: Mrs. C. P. Walrad, president; Mrs. T. D. P. Stone, first vice-president; Mrs. L. D. Garrison, second vice-president; Miss S. M. Adams, third vice president; Miss Clara E. Booth, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Collins, secretary. During the twenty-three years of its existence the society has had but three presidents: Mrs. Thomas Street, Mrs. J. W. Hughes and Mrs. C. P. Walrad.

**Impressions of Cortland.**—It is a beautiful village! It is a hustling village! It is a moral village! It is an educational center! Cortland is beautiful, because nature has made the valley in which it is situated beautiful. The beauty of the village has been increased by the fine residences with large lawns and asphalt pavement. It is a hustling village, because of the kind of people that live in it and the manufactories that are located there, some shops running day and night. The right to term Cortland a moral place is that of comparison. Compare it with any village of its population in the state or nation, and you will find less lawlessness and more influences that tend toward good morals in Cortland. The State Normal school, which is located in Cortland, ranks among the very best of such schools in the United States. Its faculty is composed of men and women who are graduates of some of our best colleges

and universities. The members of the faculty have, as the students will confess, the ability to get a great deal of work out of their pupils. These are some of the impressions made on one who has lived in Cortland four months. Because Cortland is what has been said of it, it is the place for you to live, for your children to be educated, and for your manufactories to be located.—GEORGE E. T. STEVENSON.

**The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association**, Branch 317, was organized at Cortland, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1896, with a charter list of forty-eight members. Since that time twenty-two members have been admitted. The principal officers are at present: Mrs. Cathrine Colgan, president; Miss Mary C. Dowd, recorder; Mrs. Mary C. Maher, financial secretary; Miss Anna Haben, treasurer. Business meetings are held in Empire Hall the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent



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SCHERMERHORN STREET SCHOOL.

association was first organized April 9, 1890. It was the first insurance association in the world composed of and managed entirely by women. It has received the commendation of the New York and Pennsylvania Insurance departments for its correct business methods and excellent records, as shown by examination of the books at the supreme office. At present the association is in advance of all other beneficiary organizations in point of growth.

**The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society** of the First M. E. church of Cortland was organized by Mrs. Jessie Peck Feb. 17, 1873, with the following officers: President, Mrs. James Hoose; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Roe, Mrs. H. Hubbard, Mrs. F. Place, Mrs. L. A. Bidwell and Mrs. I. Hatfield; recording secretary, Mrs. L. L. Naylor; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. B. Stowell; treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Tanner. The present officers of the society are: President, Mrs. J. L. Maritt; vice-presidents, Mrs. O. A. Houghton, Mrs. E. B. Nash, Mrs. Geo. Hiller, Mrs. Geo. Conable and Mrs. E. Oakley; recording secretary, Mrs. F. M. Snyder; corresponding secretary, Miss Myra Haskins; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Alexander.

**S. N. Holden & Co.**, dealers in Lehigh Valley coal, feed, salt, lumber, etc., in 1895, succeeded S. N. Holden to the business which was established in May, 1889, by Holden & Seager near the Lehigh Valley depot. In 1890 the latter firm laid out the large yards which the former now occupy at Squires street crossing with the Lehigh Valley railroad, and constructed spacious and substantial buildings in which to furnish cover for most of the supplies, including a main coal shed 150 x 30 feet, a feed, lime and plaster warehouse 30 x 90 feet, a lumber and shingle shed 50 x 80 feet, and barns and auxiliary buildings for storing coal, lime, plaster, etc. At the entrance to the grounds, with scales for weighing coal under cover, is a pleasant office building. With ample yard accommodations and track facilities for unloading cars, S. N. Holden & Co. are able to handle a very large business, amounting to as high as 5,000 tons of coal and 150 car loads of feed in a year. The buildings, neatly painted, are convenient for the work of unloading the cars and loading the wagons. In 1895 Messrs. Holden & Seager dissolved partnership, the latter retiring from the firm, and in May, 1898, Mr. H. W. Chaplin was admitted as a partner with Holden, constituting S. N. Holden & Co. The business office, located at No. 41 Main street, is in telephonic communication with the yard office, No. 27 Squires street. S. N. Holden, who is the president of the village, elected in March, 1899, on the regular Republican ticket, was born in Harford, Cortland Co., Dec. 26, 1843, and worked the farm with his father after leaving school, until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh New York Volunteers, then being mustered in at Cortland. He went through the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac with his regiment, which was made a part of the Eleventh Corps, participating in the important engagements before Fredericksburgh, at Chancellorsville, and on July 1st at Gettysburgh. Mr. Holden was captured at Gettysburgh and for three months incarcerated in Libby Prison. He was paroled at Annapolis, and subsequently when exchanged returned to his regiment, then in South Carolina, continuing in active service until the close of the war, and being mus-



S. N. HOLDEN. (Hyatt, Photos.) HARRY CHAPLIN.

tered out at Charleston July 10, 1865. He returned north and for two years worked for Geo. W. Truesdell at Dryden. For twenty years he was in mercantile business at Harford, and in May, 1889, moved to Cortland. On Jan. 11, 1872, he married Lillian Wattles of Ripley, Chautauqua county, and they have one daughter, Lonise. Mr. Holden, prominently identified with the Republican party, was postmaster of Harford ten or twelve years. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the G. A. R. H. W. Chaplin was born in Messegerville Oct. 31, 1874, and attended the high school at Cortland. On Jan. 1, 1892, he went to work for Holden & Seager, and continued with them and with Mr. Holden after the dissolution of the firm up to the time he became one of the firm of Holden & Co., which was on May 21, 1898. He married Anna L. Muncey on Dec. 31, 1895.



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S. N. HOLDEN & CO.'S COAL YARDS.

**R. A. Stowell & Co.**—We are pleased to present on this page the photo engraving of one of Cortland's busy department stores. The firm is known all over the country as R. A. Stowell & Co. The picture in the left hand corner is of Mr. R. A. Stowell, and in the right hand corner is Mr. M. W. Giles. The above men are both young and active. Their store is most centrally located on Main street, directly opposite the Fireman's hall. The large view picture shows a small portion of their store, as you enter the door. The success of this firm is mainly due to the careful buying and selling while advertising in various ways. Mr. Stowell is interested in several large

agement and support of members of this association, when in sickness, distress, out of employment, or on travel; for the inspiration of truth, hope, charity, and the protection, education and elevation of all members; and to secure to their families or heirs, in case of death the sum of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,000, as the members shall elect at the time of becoming a member, to be assessed on all the members in good standing. The Branch was instituted with the following 34 charter members: John F. Dowd, Daniel T. Dolan, James B. Carroll, Richard F. McCarthy, Henry Corcoran, John T. Davern, Frank Corcoran, Joseph P. McLoughlin, George Mc-



R. A. Stowell.

R. A. STOWELL & CO.  
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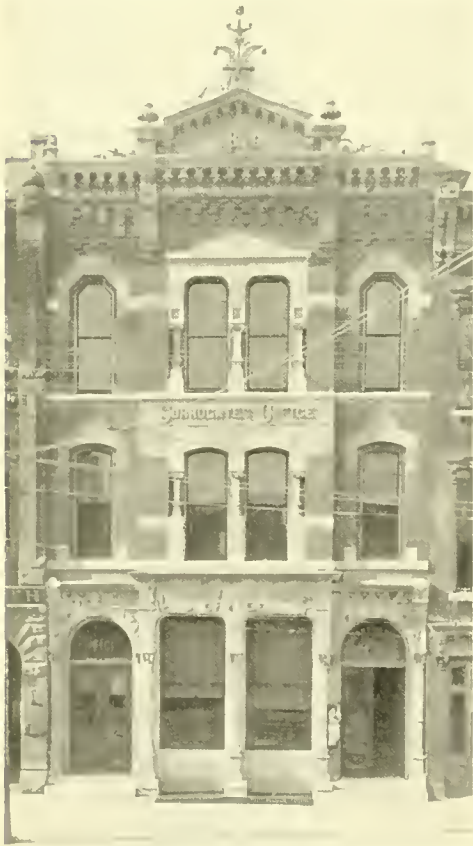
M. W. Giles.

department stores, all located in Central New York, with headquarters in Syracuse. Mr. Giles has the management of the Cortland store and resides in town. Their motto is: "Quick Sales and Small Profits" in selling lamps, china, tinware and house-furnishing goods.

**St. Mary's Branch**, No. 108 of the C. M. B. A. of Cortland, N. Y., was organized Sept. 30, 1887, in the Emerald Hose Company parlors by District Deputy Joseph E. Gaunder of Syracuse, N. Y., assisted by District Deputy Daniel Sheehan of Elmira, N. Y. Its purposes are for the encour-

Kean, John A. Nix, James Dowd, Richard J. Kelly, John J. Colgan, Jr., Frank D. Dowd, Dennis Woods, John Harrington, Michael McSweeney, Andrew J. McSweeney, George Hay, John Mullin, John H. Ryan, David E. McAuliff, Patrick Littleton, John Kane, Arthur Lucy, Peter Nodecker, J. H. O'Leary, L. J. Fitzgerald, P. H. Dowd, James McNamara, Daniel O'Connell, John Liddane, John C. Hannon and Alex McNamara. Following is the list comprising the first term officers: Rev. B. F. McLoughlin, spiritual adviser; John F. Dowd, president; Daniel T. Dolan, first vice-president; James B. Carroll, second vice-president; Richard

F. McCarthy, recording secretary; Henry Corcoran, assistant recording secretary; John Liddane, financial secretary; John T. Davern, treasurer; Frank Corcoran, marshal; Joseph P. McLoughlin, guard; George McKean, John A. Nix, James Dowd, trustees for one year; Richard J. Kelly, John Colgan, Jr., trustees for two years. About seven years ago the Branch moved into their present pleasant and commodious quarters, which occupy the entire third floor of the "Empire Hall block," formerly known as the Masonic Hall block. From the 34 charter members in 1887 the Branch has grown to 158 in 1899, and financially is in the best of shape. But seven deaths have occurred within the history of the Branch as follows: George Hay, Nov. 3, 1888;



COUNTY CLERK AND SURROGATE'S OFFICE.  
Board of Supervisors' Rooms.  
Butler, Photo. Erected 1877.

James A. Dowd, Sept. 18, 1893; James B. Buckley, Jan. 25, 1894; Richard Lillis, July 8, 1894; Richard McMahon, Sept. 16, 1894; Francis Johnson, Nov. 10, 1896; James Heaphy, June 8, 1898. The officers 1899 are: Rev. J. J. McLoughlin, spiritual adviser; John Lynch, president; Perry Whitmarsh, first vice-president; George F. O'Brien, second vice-president; M. L. Quinlivan, recording secretary; John Drake, assistant recording secretary; Thomas E. Kennedy, financial secretary; M. T. Roche, treasurer; James Dowd, marshal; M. J. Dillon, guard; John A. Kennedy, Thomas Drake, Thomas Allen, William F. Walsh, William Dalton, trustees.

## IMPRESSIONS OF CORTLAND.

My impressions of Cortland? They were formed some years before I became a resident. I was delightfully entertained for a week in one of the Christian homes of which Cortland has so many, and for which she is justly esteemed, during the session of the Central New York annual conference of our church. It was late in the month of September some years ago. The groves that cover the surrounding hills were ablaze with their rich, bright, autumnal tints. The skies took on that dreamy, hazy loveliness peculiar to the season. What wonder if I stole out from the grinding routine of the conference business and made my way out and up on to one of the glorious hills that stand about this favored village as the mountains stand about the ancient Zion of God. I looked down upon Cortland from midair. Her many church spires pointed like solemn fingers heavenward. The valley, with its winding river, stretched out before me. I was entranced with the loveliness of the view. Many times since, in summer and autumn, I have in the same way been enraptured. I have viewed the scene from every point of the compass, and as often thought, "The people of Cortland need not go abroad for fine scenery." I know of no village in the country that equals her in this respect.

There are two other physical features for which the people may be especially thankful. They are pure air and pure water. By reason of her great altitude Cortland enjoys a delightfully clear atmosphere, and a larger percentage of bright, sunny days than most towns of Central New York. Her water supply is exceptionally pure and sweet. The greatest material blessings any people can have are those that best minister to their common necessities. The great Saviour of the world comes to us, not under the figure of pastry or confectionery, but as plain bread and water. He is the bread of God and the water of life. He, therefore, freely supplies men's deepest necessities.

By reason of our strong churches and large Sunday-schools that live and labor together in delightful harmony, and our superior educational advantages, crowned as they are by our well appointed and efficient "Normal," so justly distinguished among the schools of the State of like character and grade, the better influences predominate in our village. Thanks to the old Homer academy that years ago diffused an educational spirit throughout the population, and raised up a race of fathers and mothers that appreciated and fostered the educational advantages and religious privileges that have resulted in our present prestige, and that make our village so desirable for residence in these later years. Our homes and streets are literally filled with youth and beauty, giving a freshness of joy and life not found in many other towns. For this reason all loyal and true citizens will join hands to rid the village of all depraving influences and objectionable things, that parents all over the State may feel safe in committing their sons and daughters to our keeping.

The presence in our midst of so large a corps of teachers, among whom are numbered some of the distinguished educators of the State, is a fact in which we may rejoice, and of which we may be justly proud.

Of Cortland's industries her steam whistles speak most thrillingly every morning, noon and night. Idleness and poverty are reduced to the minimum.

Of Cortland's many other good points and real attractions others have written and will continue to write. What more is needed, aside from the helpful Spirit of God, that we may live an ideally quiet and happy life?—O. A. HOUGHTON.

**Big Fire of '83.**—On the morning of Nov. 28, 1883, flames broke out in Haynor & Bristol's grocery and bakery in the Barber block on Groton avenue, the site now occupied by the Opera House. The block was a two-story frame building, the ground floor occupied by Haynor & Bristol, R. Beard & Son, furniture, and R. B. Fletcher, undertaker. It was a freezing cold night, with a strong wind blowing, and the firemen stood for hours with their trousers frozen stiff. C. E. Ingalls was the chief of the department. The steamer was connected with a hydrant at the corner of Main and Clinton streets, where it pumped two streams, one through the rear of the hotel on the north side of the block, and the other through the front part. The Cortland Wagon Co.'s steamer stood at Main and Court streets, and supplied water through one line of hose. The Cortland House, a four-story brick building at the corner of Main street and Groton avenue, with a four-story brick addition on Groton avenue, together with the Barber block, was destroyed. Homer, in response to a request for assistance, sent a steamer, which,

prevailed, but during the night rain fell. Every fire apparatus available was pressed into service, including three steamers—Cortland, Homer and the Cortland Wagon Co.'s—two hose companies, the Emerald and Orris, and a hand engine. The citizens turned out en masse to witness the destructive conflagration, and every man who could find a place at the brake assisted in working the hand engine. Mrs. Charles Cook, who kept a hair-dressers' establishment in the second story of the Garrison block, was carried out nearly overcome with smoke. Mrs. Seamans, an invalid, also had to be carried out of the second story of the Union block. There were many wooden buildings south of the Union block which were threatened, but were saved. H. M. Kellogg, hardware, and Kirkland Bros., grocers, occupied the first floor of the Wickwire building. It was reported that the loss of the former was \$11,000, and his insurance \$10,000. Kirkland Bros.' loss was reported to be \$3,300, and insurance \$2,300. Wickwire Bros.' loss on building was reported at \$8,000, and on property stored on the second floor \$5,000, their total



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OLD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

(Erected 1819).

planted in front of Benjamin's marble works, furnished three streams of water. The conflagration lasted three hours. The losses and insurance reported were: Barber block, loss \$10,000, insurance \$6,000; R. Beard & Son, loss \$7,000; insurance \$4,000; R. B. Fletcher, loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,100; Haynor & Bristol, loss about the same as insurance, \$400. Miss Frankie Porter, milliner, occupied one store in the hotel and sustained a total loss. Mr. Barber lived in the second story of his block and sustained partial loss. The hotel loss was about \$50,000, insurance \$19,000.

**Destructive Fire of '84.**—About 1 A. M. Feb. 20, 1884, fire broke out in a covered entrance in the rear of the Wickwire block, on the east side of Main street, and destroyed that building, two stories in front and three in the rear, together with the Garrison block four-story brick on the north, also damaging the Union Hall block four-story brick on the south, and Mrs. Thomas Keator's residence north of the Garrison block. M. F. Cleary was chief of the fire department. A high wind

insurance being about \$5,500. Others burned out were: L. T. White, dentist; T. P. Button, barber; L. D. Garrison & Co., grocers; Tanner Bros., dry goods; Mrs. Charles Cook, hair goods; C. W. Collins, chinaware; S. E. Welch, dry goods; J. & T. E. Courtney, lawyers; Miss Seamans, millinery; I. H. Palmer, lawyer. This fire led to the agitation for a fire boundary, and I. H. Palmer and John W. Suggett were appointed by the board of trustees as a committee to make recommendations.

**The Ladies' and Pastors' Union** of the First M. E. church was organized in 1881. The object of the society is to assist the pastor and to develop and stimulate social activity in all departments of church work. The officers of the society are: President, Miss Effie A. Allen; first vice-president, Mrs. Martin Edgcomb; second vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; secretary, Mrs. Mira Haskins; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Alexander; executive committee, Mrs. George Conable, Mrs. Fred Conable, Mrs. Julia F. Twiss, Mrs. Geo. P. Yager.

**James M. Milne**, well known in educational circles as an ardent supporter at Albany of the state system of higher education, as a prolific writer on educational and other topics, as a speaker and as the author of a practical system for teaching higher grammar which he has prepared for the press, has been a resident of Cortland for several years. It was here, where he was principal of the academic department of the Cortland Normal school during 1873 and the three following years and where he filled the chair of Latin and Greek in the same institution from 1877 to 1889, that Dr. Milne began a twenty-one years' career as instructor. Finally, through his work at Albany, and among the educational associations, as well as through his writings, his services were requisitioned in an extended field of operation and his acquaintanceship became quite large.

In 1889 he was called upon to accept the responsibility of getting a new school on firm legs and safely started in that field of bitter competition for public favor which every candidate for pupils in the higher branches of education in this state is required to run. Two days after Governor Hill had signed the Arnold bill creating an Oneonta Normal school, the local board met and its first act was to elect Dr. Milne the principal. This was April 19, 1888, before ground had been staked out, and a year before the school was opened. The testimonials Dr. Milne brought with him from Oneonta when, nine years later he retired from that position to devote his time to law and literary pursuits, speak louder than the "trumpet's brazen note" of the success he had achieved. It is just and fair to add, that he placed that school among the leading Normal schools of the state and the people of Oneonta give him credit for doing so. Upon Dr. Milne's return to Cortland in 1898, he settled down to active work in his enlarged field of labor, giving some of his time to the lecture platform and taking the opportunity to complete his school grammar and get it on to the press. Another field of usefulness, unsought, was opened up to him in Cortland. When the Democratic county committee of 1899 organized he was induced to accept the position



Hyatt, Photo. JAMES M. MILNE.

of chairman, which, such as it is in a party absolutely in the minority, offered no reward beyond the self consciousness of performing one's duty to his party. In the local political contest of that year, however, Dr. Milne rallied to his support the full party strength and, with the influence of experienced Democrats behind him, succeeded in securing a victory for the Democratic candidates for commissioners in the two school districts, the only officers upon which the two parties made a bitter fight.

Dr. Milne was born in Scotland, Sept. 29, 1850, and received his early education in the schools of Edinburgh. He is a graduate of the State Normal school at Geneseo and of the Rochester university at Rochester; and afterward studied at Heidelberg, Germany, and has received the degree of Ph. D. from Colgate university, Hamilton, N. Y. He is a life member and has been the president of the New York State Teachers' association and has occupied the high position of President of the Normal Department of the National Educational association. He has also been a member of the American Philological association. In the Masonic order he belongs to the Oneonta lodge, F. & A. M., and the chapter R. A. M. of Oneonta, is a Sir Knight in the Malta Comuandery of Binghamton and is one of the Cypress Shriners of Albany. He is also a member of the Tioughnioga club of Cortland. In 1880 he was married to Susan M., the oldest daughter of the late Jas. A. Schermerhorn of Cortland.



Harris, Photo. JAMES R. SCHERMERHORN'S RESIDENCE.

**John and Thomas E. Courtney** formed a co-partnership for the practice of law April 1, 1881, with offices in the Burgess block, which were moved to their present location in the Taylor Opera House block in 1888. John Courtney was born in Homer, N. Y., July 11, 1853, and attended the Homer academy and the Cortland Normal school. He studied with W. J. Mantanye, Warren & Kellogg and Judge R. H. Duell. While engaged in pursuing his studies he taught school—for two years at Truxton, a year and a half at Marathon, (where he was principal of the Union school) and a year at Preble. He was admitted to the bar at Albany in 1879. When Augustus Garland was attorney general under President Cleveland, Mr. Courtney served for three years as special assistant attorney, and was recognized as the representative of the Democratic administration in the county of Cortland. Thomas E. Courtney was born in Homer Dec. 22, 1857. He was educated at Homer academy, Cortland Normal school, Cazenovia seminary and Hamilton college. Mr. Courtney studied law with R. H. Duell and Warren & Kellogg, and was admitted to the bar of the State June 16, 1880, at Utica, after which he entered the office of A. P. Smith, county judge and surrogate, where he practiced from June, 1880, to April, 1881, when he entered into co-partnership with his brother. He is a Republican in politics. J. & T. E. Courtney have been retained in important cases in this locality, having also a considerable law business from outside the county.

**The Sunday-School Missionary** society of the First M. E. church was organized in 1875 by Rev. John Alabasta, at that time pastor of the church. It is auxiliary to the regular missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church. Its present officers are as follows: President, Miss Bessie Morgan; first vice-president, Miss Lena R. Conable; second vice-president, Miss Carrie R. Kellogg; third vice-president, Miss Maud Grannis; secretary, Miss Mary Gillette; treasurer, Vernon Peck.



JOHN COURTNEY.

**The Cortland Athletic Association** was organized Dec. 7, 1893, and incorporated in 1895. After the disbandment of the old Forty-fifth Separate Company, N. G. S. N. Y., which had developed the famous tug of war team that had won the championship of the State against several of the strongest teams, the members of the military company and a few of the outside athletes of the place met about a week before the above date and appointed a committee to nominate officers and draw up a suitable constitution for an athletic organization. The result was the present organization. The first officers were: President, Dr. E. M. Santee; vice-president, F. H. Monroe; secretary, E. B. Richardson; treasurer, C. F. Barker; athletic captain, Frank H. Monroe; cycling captain, E. B. Richardson.

A lease was at once made with C. E. Rowley for the famous Randall mansion for a clubhouse, and it was opened to the members on Christmas day following the organization. The military company had given the new organization all of its gymnasium outfit and a very little furniture, which was soon added to, and on or about New Year's day the opening reception was held. This function was attended by Cortland's best people, and was a very successful affair. The following summer a Field day was held at the driving park that was attended by the most famous cyclists in the country. This was followed by other notable meets that are subjects for many a club house reminiscence even to this day. On Oct. 30, 1896, the old



Butler, Photo.

JOHN COURTNEY'S RESIDENCE.

Taylor hall was rented and fitted up as a club house, which has been the club home ever since. It contains a large gymnasium, parlor, bath rooms, billiard parlor, card and smoking room, and is well suited for the purposes of the club. The present membership is about 100. The officers 1899 were: President, A. D. Wallace; vice-president, A. S. Brown; secretary, John J. Murphy; financial secretary, F. A. Maycumber; treasurer, Jas. Kelly; athletic captain, A. W. Williams; 'cycling captain, A. K. Weatherwax.

September. A suite of rooms were secured on the second floor of the Hopkins block, one of the big modern structures of Cortland, (view see Warren, Tanner & Co.'s store) and there the club has since made its home, and prospered. There are the reading room and parlor, 40 x 50 feet, the card room, 30 x 20, the billiard room, 50 x 35, the reception hall, 30 x 15, and ladies' dressing rooms and men's toilets. The decorations in the parlors are olive green, the card room light terra cotta, the reception room blue, and the billiard room red



Harris, Photo. Reading Room. THE TIOUGHNIAGA CLUB ROOMS.  
[For Exterior View, see Warren, Tanner & Co.'s Store.] Billiard Room.

Reception Room.

**The Tioughniaga Club**, the elite institution of the village of Cortland, was incorporated by Albert Allen, S. M. Ballard, J. S. Bull, Hugh Duffey, Wesley Hooker, E. M. Hulbert, O. U. Kellogg, Alexander Mahan, A. B. Nelson, W. H. Newton, F. D. Smith, F. C. Straat, D. W. Van Hoesen, C. P. Walrad and T. H. Wickwire, the date of the incorporation papers being December 3, 1891. The first meeting of the club (incorporators) was held on Dec. 29, 1891. There were present nearly all of the above, and they chose for their first officers and directors the following: President, Wesley Hooker; vice-president, Albert Allen; secretary, S. M. Ballard; treasurer, C. P. Walrad. The directors comprised the above and the rest of the incorporators. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The membership is limited to 200 and candidates are voted upon by the entire membership, proposed by two resident members. It was also provided that fifteen should constitute the board of directors, five retiring each club year, which begins the first Wednesday in

in velvet stripe and gold figures. The club is more strictly social than a matter of business convenience. The ladies are invited to grace the rooms with their presence the first Wednesday night in each month, and the third Wednesday evenings are devoted to young people's parties. Interest in billiards has been kept up by periodical contests between members for prizes, a gold badge now held by Harry Dowd being offered as the championship prize of the club, which must be held through five successive contests to become the property of the holder. On Sept. 1, 1899, the billiard parlors were placed in charge of a committee, of which A. M. Schermerhorn is chairman, and since then billiards have been made to yield a fair margin over and above expenses. The only other sources of revenue are cigars, fees and dues. Fees for admission are \$15, and dues are \$10 a year. The full membership in January, 1900, was 147, not including non-resident and honorary. The second class comprises those living in adjacent towns who have social and business relations in

Cortland, and the latter class are restricted to local clergy and supreme court judges, who are invited and accepted by letter. Seven of the ten Cortland clergy and Judges Walter Lloyd Smith, George F. Lyon, Garret S. Forbes, Burr Mattice and A. H. Sewell are enrolled in this class. The average income from fees and dues is \$2,600 annually. About \$4,500 is invested in furnishings. Those who have filled the honorable offices of president and secretary are the following: President: Wesley Hooker, Albert Allen, Judge Joseph E. Eggleston, Arthur B. Nelson and Frank P. Hakes; secretary: S. M. Ballard, F. D. Smith, Henry A. Dickinson and S. K. Jones. The present officers are: President, F. P. Hakes; vice-president, A. M. Jewett; secretary, S. K. Jones; treasurer, N. J. Peck. The directors—One year: C. F. Brown, F. P. Hakes, E. C. Palmer, T. H. Dowd, C. F. Stillman; two years, A. M. Jewett, E. A. Didama, W. S. Barker, C. F. Thompson, H. P. Johnson; three years, J. S. Bull, F. Daehler, John Miller, N. J. Peck, S. K. Jones. Neither gambling or liquors of any character is tolerated in the rooms.

**What Is It Worth?**—The growth of a town increases property valuations, enlarges the circumference of local trade and expands rental values. It increases church and school attendance. It provides more mouths to be fed, more bodies to be clothed, more people to be amused. Competition between communities is to-day as stirring as between tradesmen. The latter displays his goods and advertises their values. Why may not the former? The Historical Souvenir is the show window for a community. The character of its public institutions, its scenery, its enterprises, and its places of business and recreation displayed to the world in half tone engravings will do for the community what the show window and the local newspaper advertising columns does for the merchant. If every family in Cortland has mailed one of these Souvenirs, who can doubt what the publication is worth to Cortland.



Butler, Photo. MRS. G. T. CHATTERTON.

**Mrs. G. T. Chatterton** seven years ago began the manufacture of ladies' skirts from measures taken to fit each case—individual measure. It is not on a large scale that she carries on this work, so that in the case of each order special attention is paid to the cutting and fitting as well as to the sewing. As it is customary to manufacture from stock measurements Mrs. Chatterton found that her plan of using individual measurements became an inducement for trade. She obtained agents and sent them out with instructions to solicit business from house to house and in the case of each order to secure measurements. This was done,

and she was from time to time able to extend her agencies until they ramified through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine. Now her business is very largely done through the mails. A customer sends her measure by mail and is accommodated in a manner just as satisfactory as though the business had been done by her in person and under a thorough guarantee, giving all the advantages which one might expect to obtain from a large factory. The goods she uses in making up skirts include imported moreen, satteen, and mercerized and taffetta silks. Mrs. Chatterton's business is carried on at No. 33 North Pendleton street. She has been a resident of Cortland all of her life, and is a member of the Methodist church.



Photo by Harris.

E. C. PALMER'S RESIDENCE

**Hollister Brothers** succeeded Hollister & Rigby in the bakery and confectionery business at No. 7 North Main street, their present location, on Jan. 1, 1897, a business which was started by Lord & Chidsey in 1887. F. W. Clark was afterwards the proprietor of the business, and he in turn was succeeded by Hollister & Rigby in 1896. When the present firm came into possession of the business they enlarged the bakeshop, doubling its capacity, put in a dining room and soda fountain, so that since then they have catered to the retail trade almost exclusively, both in bakestuffs and the other lines which they handle. Both members of the firm, H. P. and Fred Hollister, are practical bakers, and as they are assisted by another, three bakers are constantly employed. They also have a considerable family trade in ice creams. H. P. Hollister was born in McGraw, June 6, 1867, and received a schooling in the public schools and the DeRuyter academy. On Dec. 5, 1884, he married Ella E. Gross of McGraw, and they moved to Cortland in February, 1886, Mr. Hollister being first employed in Wickwire's for about a year, and from June to September, 1888, in Rook & Brown's bakery in the Squires block. In the latter month H. P. and his brother T. N. bought out that firm, and in January, 1889, the former succeeded to the interest of his brother, finally selling the business to F. Schellinger in December, 1892. He then worked for Coon Brothers until he formed the co-partnership with E. B. Rigby and purchased the business in 1896, at No. 7 North Main street. Fred Hollister was born at DeRuyter June 6, 1873, and attended the Cortland Normal school. He worked for his brothers in the bakery from 1889 to 1891, then was employed in Duluth, Minn., three years. Returning east in 1894, he took a course in a business college and afterwards was employed by Dowd & Chaffee and Coon Bros. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F.



FRED HOLLISTER. (Butler, Photo.) H. P. HOLLISTER.

**The Population of Cortland** is now about 10,000. On Nov. 5, 1853, when chartered as a village it was 1,500. On Dec. 3 of the same year the first bank was opened by William Randall. The principal business firms then were J. W. Sturtevant & Co., J. S. Squires, S. E. Welch, O. W. Barnard, Daniel Bradford, William Fish, James Van Valen, Cloyes & Todd, Anthony and S. D. Freer, Henry Brewer and John McFarlan. In 1861 the population numbered a little more than 2,000. In January, 1862 the Eagle Hotel, including Henry Brewer's harness store and J. McFarlan & Co's. furniture store was destroyed by fire. In 1864 H. J. Messenger built the Messenger House and in 1865 the Taylor Hall block. In 1864 the First National Bank was organized, the Savings Bank in 1866 and the Cortland National Bank in 1869. The new special village charter was granted April 28, 1864, and in 1876 the village had a population of 3,398. In 1872 Fitzgerald & Kinnie began the manufacture of platform spring wagons and in 1874 Wickwire Bros. bought an old hand loom and began weaving wire cloth. In 1880 Cortland had 4,000 population and in 1882, 6,000.

**An Historical Souvenir**, such as this, is one of the best mediums for publishing to the world the superiority of a city or village, as richly endowed with natural advantages as Cortland. There is no other practical method of widely distributing views and description which will command public attention. The beautiful streets of Cortland will appeal strongly to the mind of the stranger; and especially those which are paved with asphalt, views of which are published for the first time in this Souvenir. The many pretty and imposing business blocks cannot fail to impress the thousands of strangers who will see this book, and call forth many encomiums which the business thrift and enterprise of Cortland as shown by such structures deserve. The views of store fronts and interiors, of the manufacturing establishments, the schools, the State Normal school and the churches cannot fail to excite admiration.



Harris, Photo. HOLLISTER BRO'S. STORE.

**The Railroad** from Syracuse to Binghamton, which first gave Cortland an outlet by rail, was constructed in 1853, being formally opened to the public on Oct. 18 and 19 of that year when large excursion parties went over the road. Jas. M. Schermerhorn, Hon. Henry Stephens and other citizens of Cortland and Homer were largely instrumental in getting the road through. The opening of the Utica, Ithaca and Elmira railroad in 1872 conferred additional advantages upon Cortland. This road has changed hands on different occasions and is now a part of the Lehigh Valley railroad system. The Erie and Central New York railroad, which contemplates a line of railroad through the state, was opened from Cortland to Cincinnati, 16 miles, in 1898 and is being operated now only over that distance. In 1878 the Canastota, Cazenovia and DeRuyter railroad (now a part of the Lehigh branch operated from Camden, Oneida county, to Elmira, Chemung county) was opened between Cortland and DeRuyter.

**The Photographers**, who did the viewing and made the sittings for the portraits printed in this Souvenir, are Edwin H. Hyatt, F. L. Harris and G. E. Butler, men who are artists in every branch of the business. It has been no small undertaking for three photographers to do the work required in a publication of this size and character. The value of the cuts depends very largely on the photographic work. It is impossible to get good photo engravings without first-class photos. We believe that the purchasers of the Souvenir will agree with us that no souvenir ever presented a better lot of views and portraits. The work of the photographers will be appreciated by the public as well as by the publishers of this Souvenir, and they are entitled to a great deal of credit for the time and trouble that have been required of them.



Butler, Photo. H. P. HOLLISTER'S RESIDENCE.

**The Sunday-School**, First M. E. church, was organized contemporaneously with the establishment of the church. Its present officers are: Superintendent, Dr. F. J. Cheney; first assistant superintendent, Dr. F. W. Higgins; second assistant superintendent, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; secretary, Geo. P. Yager; assistant secretary, Stuart Dye; treasurer, Chas. Saunders; chorister, George Oscar Bowen; pianist, Miss Carrie Kellogg; assistant pianist, Miss Maud Grannis; superintendent primary department, Mrs. Viroqua Smith; first assistant superintendent, Miss M. L. Weatherwax; second assistant superintendent, Mrs. C. F. Weiler; secretary of Sunday-school board, Miss Nina McCarthy.



MAIN STREET CORNER GROTON AVENUE, 1816-1893.

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"Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland fulfills several missions. It carries the news and perpetuates the scenes and historical data, which instruct and entertain a community. It entices the stranger within our gates. It records the approximate value to the village of the business and professional man. It acts as a guide to the visitor, directing him into this and that man's place of business, piloting him through the streets and public squares, pointing out this and that scene—this and that historic spot. It introduces him to the men and women who are leaders in professional, financial, commercial, manufacturing and social circles. It names the enterprising and successful resident of Cortland. It places in durable and permanent form a valuable compilation of personal and general information which in years to come are prized beyond value. It does not cater to the gnawing hunger for compliments and eulogistic commonplaces and generalities which are too commonly used in Souvenirs, and are never used in Historical Souvenirs. It does not lay to the soul unctious flattery. It caters not to vanity. The man of "sterling integrity" does not learn in this Souvenir that he possesses a jewel of such rare price. "Our leading," "genial," "affable" citizen are phrases unknown to its pages.

The Contributors to this Souvenir, have—perhaps unconsciously, in some cases—rendered the people of Cortland a great service. Accuracy in writing is an important end to be obtained and it is only by a member of the society that its history can be intelligently and accurately written. We are sure that every member of the several societies which are historically presented in this Souvenir will join us in expressing thanks to the writers of these most valuable and interesting sketches. The names of the contributors which in the majority of cases do not appear in connection with the sketches, are printed at the head of the first column on this page. Their work will long outlast them.

Errors will occasionally creep into a work of this magnitude, especially as so many proper names are used. Where they have been discovered in time correction has been made in Adenda, the location of which can be found by reference to the index. Criticism is not to be despised or avoided. We expect it. The carping critic always offers and never welcomes it.

The Far Sighted firm of Palmer & Co. early in the work of preparing "Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland, secured a number of copies, believing that those who were slow in ordering the book would eventually welcome an opportunity to get a copy. Others who have found they did not order all they wanted may secure copies there as long as the supply holds out.

The Postoffice Sketch occasioned considerable research, and it was not until after the first was in print additional material was obtained through the energetic efforts of Mr. James Turner. Hence two sketches, see pages 46 and 93.

**Philip M. Neary** was born at Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., March 27, 1856, and received his education at the district school and at Ithaca High school. At the age of 17, while he was preparing to enter Cornell university his father died leaving a large family. The doctor being the oldest boy was obliged to shoulder the responsibility of caring for farm and family. From farm work and school teaching, however, he earned and saved enough to pay for a medical education at the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated in March, 1888. He practiced at Union Valley, Cortland Co., N. Y., for seven years, and Jan. 1st, 1895, came to Cortland since which time he has practiced here. The doctor studied with Dr. Wm. Gallagher of Slaterville Springs, N. Y. He has held the office of health officer four years, coroner six years, and physician to Cortland county alms house six years. He was married Aug. 17, 1890, to Miss Bertha A. Payne of Lincklaen, N. Y., and has four children, Philip J., Leah Marguerite, Bertha Elizabeth and Mary Editha.

**Organization of Cortlandville.**—The first town meeting was held at the old Eagle Tavern on March 2, 1830. The following are the first town officers: Commissioners of highways, Parker Butterfield, Eleazer May, William R. Bennett; assessors, Harry McGraw, Daniel Mallory, Daniel Hibbard; school commissioners, Rufus Boies, Gilbert Edgcomb, Jr., Asa Loring; school inspectors, Marvin Huntington, Joseph C. Morse, Charles Chamberlain; commissioners of the gospel and school lot, Rufus Boies, Canfield Marsh; poor-masters, Daniel Miller, Tercius Eels; constables, Eleazer Carpenter, H. S. Brockway, Hezekiah M. Sanders, Gilmore Kinney; collector, Micah Hotchkiss; sealer of weights and measures, Edward Allen; justices of the peace, Jacob Badgley, Hiram McGraw, Jonathan L. Woods. One hundred dollars each was appropriated for the poor and for bridges. Several new roads were laid out the first year among which were what is now Mill street, Railroad street and a portion of Port Watson street. Railroad street was not laid out through to Main street until several years later. The land



Harris, Photo. P. M. NEARY, M. D.

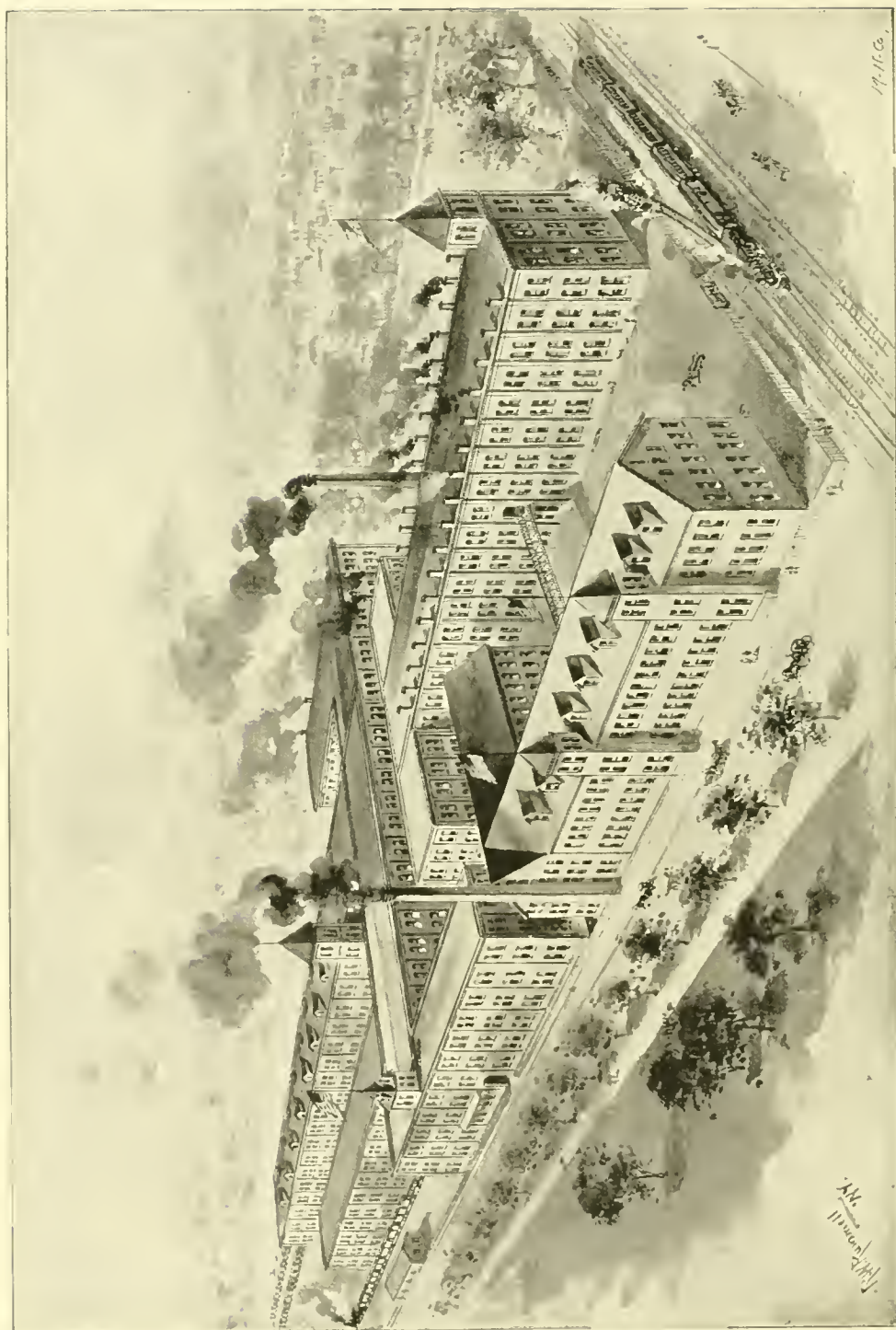
in the eastern part of the present village limits, now filled in and built up with neat residences, was then low and swampy and what was known as the Baptist road, which ran diagonally from near the river, starting a short distance north of Port Watson street bridge and coming out near the junction of Adams street and the Homer road, was "corduroyed." Another road ran over Court House hill and struck into the Homer road north of the village. At that time Homer was the principal market for the produce of Cortland county, except what was shipped by river, and these two roads were the common thoroughfares for farmers living in the south end of the county, many of whom went to Homer to do their trading.

**Credit Where Due.**—The work of the photographer for the Souvenir is no light task. Therefore it is our purpose to give him credit. Butler, one of the Souvenir artists, should receive credit for the following views, which, by mistake, was improperly given: Portraits of G. W. McGraw and J. G. Osgood, p. 67; portraits of Policemen, p. 80; view of City Water Works, p. 77; portrait of H. T. Bushnell, p. 71; portrait of Walter V. Palmer, p. 74; portraits of N. Jay Peck and R. H. Beard, p. 66; portrait of Emmett P. Jennings, p. 51; view of Cobblestone Schoolhouse, (copy), p. 63; view of Ellis Omnibus Co.'s Works, (copy), p. 40; view of Railroad Stations, p. 25; view of Franklin Hatch Library, p. 24.



Harris, Photo.

DR. P. M. NEARY'S RESIDENCE.



GENERAL VIEW OF THE CORTLAND WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

**Cortland Wagon Co.**—Cortland is best known in the marts of the world as the home of the Cortland Wagon Co. This great establishment is not the resultant of a mere accident, nor has it reached its present colossal proportions at a single bound. Its early beginning was the creation of executive energy and enterprise, and its steady, sturdy growth has largely been the product of organizing ability, mechanical ingenuity and inventive genius of a high order. The embryo of this great carriage industry had its genesis in a little one story building on the present site of the Graham block on Port Watson street, where in the spring of 1866 Lawrence J. Fitzgerald began manufacturing carriages for the local trade. In 1869 Mr. Fitzgerald formed a partnership with O. C. Gee for

was found inadequate to supply the increasing demands of the trade. During the year 1875 Fitzgerald & Kinne changed the firm name to the "Cortland Wagon Manufacturing Co.," and in 1876 enlarged their manufacturing plant by the erection of a large additional building on the site of the present immense factories on East Court street. During the latter year 2,200 platform spring wagons were manufactured and sold. In the following year Mr. Kinne died, leaving the responsibility of the large and constantly increasing business on the shoulders of the surviving partner, who alone carried on the business with marked success until the 1st of January, 1879, when the present stock organization was formed and incorporated under the name of the Cortland Wagon Co. The char-



Photo by Hyatt.

OFFICE OF THE CORTLAND WAGON CO.'S WORKS.

the manufacture of carriages and sleighs. The business was carried on in a shop on West Court street, immediately in the rear of the present Wallace building on Main street. Early in the spring of 1872 Charles Kinne bought Mr. Gee's interest in the partnership, and soon after the firm of Fitzgerald & Kinne began the manufacture of platform spring wagons for the general trade. The immediate and increasing demand for these platform wagons compelled the erection of a more extensive manufacturing plant, hence on what is now the Central High school lot on Railroad street larger factories were erected, and in the spring of 1873 the platform wagon plant was moved into its new quarters on Railroad street. Soon the whole of the Railroad street lot was covered with factory buildings, and yet their capacity

ter directors of the new company were: L. J. Fitzgerald, W. D. Tisdale, Hugh Duffey, M. D. Welch. L. J. Fitzgerald was elected president, and Hugh Duffey vice-president and general superintendent. Although this company has increased in size and capital, these officers have held the offices to which they first were elected through consecutive years to the present time. During the first year of the existence of the new company nearly six thousand wagons were manufactured, which number was increased to eight thousand as the product of the following year. During 1880 new additional buildings were erected on the East Court street lot, and in 1881 the whole factories and offices were grouped together in their Court street home. This eligible location made possible the running of special railroad tracks into the works from the D., L. & W. and



Hyatt, Photo. L. J. FITZGERALD,  
President Cortland Wagon Co.

from the Lehigh Valley railroads. On Dec. 5, 1888, a disastrous fire broke out in the works and swept away the whole factory, save two buildings. In the following year the present magnificent factory structures were erected and equipped. Some idea of the size of the present factory may be conveyed by stating that the total floor space would cover nearly seven acres. Great as is the capacity of the enormous factory, it is frequently tested to its utmost during the busy season. The growth of the Cortland Wagon Co. has been phenomenal. Judged by the number and variety of work manufactured, by the excellent grade of work produced, as well as by the wide extent of territory into which the goods are shipped, this company holds a commanding position. The extent of the output has reached as high as 15,000 spring wagons and carriages, 5,000 carts and nearly 8,000 cutters and sleighs in a single year. From being manufacturers solely of platform spring wagons the company has become makers of spring wagons, buggies, carts, coaches and carriages of over 100 styles and varieties. They have offices and representatives in London, England, in Philadelphia, in Chicago and in San Francisco. The vehicles of the Cortland Wagon Co. have been sold not only in every state and territory of our own country, but also

have been shipped in large numbers to Mexico and South America, into nearly every European country, into China and India, into South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The Cortland Wagon Co. carried on an extensive trade in Canada until a few years ago when the Canadian prohibitory tariff made profitable shipment of goods into that territory impossible. To supply that trade the Cortland Wagon Co. organized a company and established carriage works at Brantford, Ontario, under the name of the Brantford Carriage Co., and now manufactures in that place for the Canadian trade nearly 5,000 carriages and sleighs annually. The abounding success of the Cortland Wagon Co. has been the means of starting many similar factories in different parts of the country, in which factories the machinery and mechanical arrangement of the Cortland Wagon Co. have been largely copied and followed. Factory and insurance inspectors openly assert that in labor-saving devices, in economical arrangements, in the perfection of mechanical details and in the simplicity and completeness of organization the Cortland Wagon factory stands unequalled. And when one enters these commodious buildings alive and teeming with the stir and movement of activity and enterprise and notes on every hand the utmost order method and system it is easy to give assent to the conclusion of the factory examiners. The Cortland Wagon Co. is making a higher grade of work from year to year. The grade of work manufactured this year is higher than in any previous year. The work shipped to-day bearing the manufacturing plate of the Cortland Wagon Co. is an unfailing guarantee of work of attested high grade. The work is made on honor and no matter how great the urgency, the rush, or the demand nothing is slighted. The motto of the manufacturing department—"Despatch Without Neglect"—is absolutely imperative on workmen and admits of no variation. Cortland is justly proud of this institution carried on by men whose minds are on



Photo by Butler.

L. J. FITZGERALD'S RESIDENCE.

a level and not above their business. If work is the true source of human welfare and happiness then these institutions that give opportunity for work must, in a sense, be viewed as benefactors not alone to those that toil but as well to those who reap advantages from those that toil. No business community deserves to thrive that fails to give lasting appreciation, encouragement and honor to all the institutions that are carried on by the vital union of head and hand, of labor and thought, for out of such a union shall constantly appear influences that make for greater light and larger life.

Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, the president and financier of the company, is prompt in the dispatch of business, and is approachable and affable. He is generous and loyal in his impulses, and is widely interested in a large number of enterprises. He is the owner of several stock farms, and possesses quite extensive agricultural interests. Mr. Fitzgerald was the incumbent of the office of State Treasurer during two terms, 1886-'7 and 1888-'9, being elected the first time in November, 1885, on a full gubernatorial and state ticket. Gov. Hill was running for his first full term as governor and Mr. Fitzgerald's associates on the state ticket in the successful issue of that campaign were such well-known Democrats as Frederick Cook of Rochester, Alfred C. Chapin of Brooklyn and Denis O'Brien of Watertown, since made a judge of the Court of Appeals. On his reelection in 1887, among his associates was Edward Wemple of Fultonville, one of the most picturesque figures in state politics. The result of both campaigns was so marked that every man on the winning ticket became prominent in the state. Mr. Fitzgerald has served a year as president of the village, four years as a member of the Board of Trustees, and two years as president of the Cortland County Agricultural society. He was one of the incorporators of the Second National



Harris, Photo. HUGH DUFFEY,  
Vice-President Cortland Wagon Co.

bank, of which he has been a director from the beginning, and he filled the position of vice-president down to within six years when he resigned; also being the vice-president of The National Bank of Cortland. As a member of the local board of the Cortland Normal school, of which he is the treasurer, Mr. Fitzgerald has been deeply interested in the prosperity of that institution. He was born in Skaneateles, Aug. 5, 1841, and educated in the Skaneateles academy. In that village he began the trade of wagon making, all of the details of which he mastered as a workman during nearly ten years he was employed in various shops, among them being S. W. Catel's at Tully, and factories in Auburn, Geneva and Homer. During the years 1862-'5 he was employed at Tully, coming to Homer in the latter year, and in Oct., 1865, marrying Joana Shea of that village.

The firm of Fitzgerald & Gee continued the business until 1872, when the latter sold out his interest to C. W. Kinne, and the firm of Fitzgerald & Kinne bought a tract of land on Railroad street, where they erected buildings capable of accommodating a more extensive plant. In 1875 new buildings were erected and the business was greatly extended both as to the capacity of the works and in the territory covered by their salesmen. On May 10, 1877, Mr. Kinne died, but the firm remained as hitherto, the Kinne estate retaining his interest in the business until the organization of the Cortland Wagon Co., two years later.



HUGH DUFFEY'S RESIDENCE.



Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING EAST ON SOUTH SIDE.

Hugh Duffey, the vice-president and superintendent of the Cortland Wagon Co., is a man of commanding genius. He has not only supervising and organizing ability of a high order but has mechanical insight into the needs and power of machinery and the inventive genius to supply such needs. He is not only the inventor of most of the machinery used in the Cortland Wagon Co.'s factory, but much of the machinery that is to be found in other factories of the world. He is a master of details in all branches of vehicle construction, and he is so well informed of the actual cost of construction in every part of every wagon manufactured by the company that he can summon figures in items or in the aggregate at any

stage in the progress of a job without the necessity of figuring it out. At an age when most men are conservative he is radical in foreseeing the demands of the trade and progressive in keeping in the lead in the matter of style and finish of vehicles that are placed upon the market. He has been president of the village, member of the board of trustees, and has almost continuously held a civic office of trust. He is a firm believer in liberal public school education and was one of the most active in founding the present village school system, being a member of its original board of trustees. As a member of the local board of the State Normal School in this village he has been active and aggressive in seeing that the wants of



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Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING EAST ON NORTH SIDE.

the school are supplied; and is always a generous upholder of organization and discipline. In politics he has been rightly classed as a stalwart Democrat. He has not only been chairman of the Democratic county organization for a long time, as well as a regular attendant at State conventions, and several times a delegate to the National conventions, but his counsel and advice have been sought for in the political circles of the state organization and greatly prized. On one occasion he was a candidate of his party for one of the responsible offices of the state. Mr. Duffey came to Cortland in the spring of 1875 with the Middletown Horseshoe Nail Co.'s works, of which he was one of the owners. The preceding year he had been in Cortland to secure a site and the erection of buildings. In 1879, when The Cortland

Wagon Co. was organized, Mr. Duffey was one of the incorporators, and was made the vice-president, which position he has since held. He was born in Portage, Wyoming county, June 10, 1840, and learned the trade of machinist and steam engineering in the Buffalo Steam Engine works. During the war he was chief engineer of a line of steamboats which conveyed troops and supplies for the Army of the Potomac. As a commissioner at the World's Fair at Chicago, where he represented the interests of Cortland, Mr. Duffey brought before public attention the products of its factories in a manner that undoubtedly made Cortland more widely known than ever. Mr. Duffey is the president and manager of the Brantford (Canada) wagon works, and is a director in the Homer & Cortland Traction Co.



Hyatt, Photo. REPOSITORY CORTLAND WAGON CO., LOOKING WEST ON NORTH SIDE.

**M. E. Sarvay**, who is engaged in the boot and shoe business at No. 13 Railroad street, came to Cortland in 1894 and bought out Passage & Overton, who were conducting the business at that place. The store is centrally located, spacious, completely stocked and is in every respect arranged and conducted to accommodate every demand that is made upon that line of business by the best class of trade. It is indeed an attractively fitted store. Mr. Sarvay's experience in the trade covers a period of fifteen years, beginning with his connection with the Tom Proctor company's store at Forestport, Oneida county, March, 1884, and continuing with the same house for ten years, seven of which were spent as manager of their store at Powell, Pa., from which place he came directly to Cortland in the year already mentioned. He was born in Watertown, May 29, 1865, and was educated in the schools of that city and at the Ives' seminary, afterwards taking a course in a business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In April, 1888, he married Mary Thorpe of Forestport, N. Y., and they have two children, John and Laura Sarvay.

**Impressions.**—Standing on the east side of Church street, where it meets Port Watson, on a beautiful evening in June of 1899, were the president of a well known college and the writer of these "Impressions of Cortland." We were looking north between the two rows of stately elms which here skirt the road; and while we were looking the writer received valuable, independent testimony to confirm his own opinion of the natural attractions of our village. It was from his companion, the college president, who said, emphatically: "I don't know of another village where you could find so handsome a column of elms as that." So speak all visitors; they have not long been in Cortland before the praise of its beauty is on their lips. But Cortland is not only to be spoken of because, as Bishop Heber says, "every prospect pleases." Cortland has many other advantages. It is the center and market of a thriving agricultural region, a recognized headquarters of all manufactures connected with the great wagon and carriage industry, and in a peculiar way the home—as its



Butler, Photo. M. E. SARVAY.

people reflect with much satisfaction—of a large and progressive concern, whose product takes the highest rank wherever screen wire in its various forms is spoken of. Cortland's public schools are good, for the gratifying reason that the people have elected to the responsible office of trustees public spirited men who consult, not intermittently and perfunctorily, but regularly and heartily, the important concern of the common schools, and inspire and support the efforts of an efficient superintendent and of an admirable corps of teachers. The Cortland Normal school is an institution which brings students from all parts of the state to our village, for it is conducted with energy and success, and its graduates have far more than a local or even a state reputation, being in demand all over the country. To the present writer it does not seem that "Impressions of

Cortland" would be complete without mention of the distinct benefit this village enjoys in its admirable hotels. And if Cortland's hotels serve to recommend it to the traveling public, its excellent water supply forms no small addition to its attractions as a permanent place of residence. Then, here are alert merchants with well-kept stores, strong banking institutions, and, which is a fact full of promise, the determination on the part of the people of Cortland not to rest satisfied with all these advantages, but to go on steadily in the march of improvement.—  
AMOS WATKINS.



Harris, Photo.

INTERIOR OF M. E. SARVAY'S STORE.

**Gladding & Brown**, the proprietors of the Cortland Steam Laundry, have developed from a business started in a small way by Alexander Stebbins in 1880 to an establishment which turns out all grades of work, from coarse goods to the finest draperies and tapestries. H. C. Beebe succeeded Stebbins in 1882, and down to 1895 he was followed by several different proprietors. On Oct. 4 of 1895 the business passed into the hands of Gladding & Card, who came to Cortland from Norwich. In February, 1899, Mr. Dwight W. Brown bought Mr. Card's interest, and since then the firm has been Gladding & Brown. The laundry occupies two floors of a building on the corner of Clinton avenue and Washington street. It is equipped fully with not only the best laundry machinery, but machines used for cleaning carpets and renovating feathers. The power is supplied by a 40-horse power boiler and a 20-horse power engine. It is fitted with steam condensers so that filtered water, which is the best for laundry purposes, may be used, and has two steam dry rooms. Two wagons are used for collecting and delivering laundry. Mr. A. L. Gladding was born in Otselic, Chenango county, in 1864. In 1883 he entered the employ of H. C. Beebe in Cortland, and was with him for four years, when he went to Norwich and bought the laundry of Joseph Windsor and conducted it for eight years. Then he returned to Cortland, and in company with Mr. B. I. Card bought the Cortland Steam Laundry. He was married to Edith M. Frisbie of Norwich Feb. 11, 1890. He is a member of the John L. Lewis Lodge of Odd Fellows. Dwight W. Brown was born in Plymouth, Chenango county, Dec. 18, 1843. For ten years he worked in the grocery of A. Bosworth at Norwich, N. Y., and later the grocery of E. L. Smith, afterward being employed by Harrington, the gardener. He came to Cortland at the time he went into partnership with Mr. Gladding. He married Frances T. Blackman of Norwich on Feb. 28, 1884.



A. L. GLADDING. (Butler, Photo.)



D. W. BROWN.

**The Cortland Village Female Seminary** was incorporated by an act of the legislature in April, 1828. The payment of \$10 admitted to membership and the right to vote for trustees. The same year the school was opened in an old building, once used for a tavern, which stood back a short distance from Main street, about where McKinney & Doubleday's store now stands. The building was fitted up with accommodations for boarding pupils, and that part of the institution was placed in charge of Oliver Brewster, recently arrived from Onondaga. Miss Jane Ingersoll of Springfield, Mass., was appointed principal, with Miss Brewster as assistant, Miss McDonald of Ithaca teacher of drawing, and Miss Dutton of New Haven teacher of music. This institution flourished for about ten years, when it was closed to make room for the Cortland academy. A large

number of young ladies who afterwards became well known in the society of Central New York were educated at this seminary.

#### **Town Clerks, Cort-**

**landville.**—List from organization of the town: Homer Gillett, 1831-'37; Tercius Eels, 1838-'40; J. C. Pomeroy, 1841, '43, '44; R. A. Reed, 1842; Adin Webb, 1845-'63; H. A. Randall, 1864-'67; A. N. Rounsaville, 1868; W. J. Mantanye, 1869; Lewis Bouton, 1870; George L. Waters, 1871, '72; George S. Sands, 1873, '74; L. P. Hollenbeck, 1875-'83; H. A. Dickinson, 1884-'90; Wm. Corcoran, 1891-'93; Edmond C. Alger, 1894-'96; H. H. Pudney, 1898-'99



Harris, Photo.

GLADDING & BROWN'S LAUNDRY.

**Early Business Ventures.**—Among those who first engaged in trade in Cortland were Nathan Luce, who, in 1818, built a tavern which with subsequent enlargements became known as the Eagle Tavern. Jacob Wheeler, in 1812, was the village blacksmith and William Bartlit, three years later was the village harness maker. In 1810 James and Samuel Percival started the Cortland Courier in Homer. In 1815 James Percival started the Cortland Republican in Cortland. Asahel Lyman built a brick structure on Main street, corner of Grotton avenue, (see view, page 111) in 1816 and carried on a general mercantile business which subsequently went into the hands of A. P. and G. N. Lyman. In the course of the next four years Lyman & Blair went into business and Charles W. Lynde also opened a store about that time. William and Roswell Randall opened a store about 1813, and very soon after had two stores. They were very large dealers and supplied a large extent of the surrounding country. They also operated distilleries and asheries. William Elder is

has ever since been known as "the dry goods corner." A year or two later Sylvester Blair became his partner. The firm of Lyman & Blair dissolved in 1826, and the former continued the business until 1840 when he was succeeded by his sons, Asahel P. and George N. Lyman who discontinued the business in 1846 and went west. Samuel Blair, another well-known resident of Cortland, came here in 1817 and engaged in the business of a cooper. His son Chauncey, years afterwards became a prominent banker in Chicago. About the close of the first half of the century, say fifty years ago, about all the business done in Cortland was largely on the east side of Main street between Port Watson street and Clinton avenue. Daniel Bradford kept a drug store. J. W. Sturtevant & Co., W. O. Barnard, Orin Stimpson, Asa Lyman and James Van Valen were in general trade; Henry Brewer had a harness shop and store, J. McFarlan, a furniture store, Homer Gillett, L. Cudworth and I. M. Seaman, groceries; A. & S. D. Freer, hardware.



Butler, Photo.

THE COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

mentioned as a large tanner about 1824. Later he opened a boot and shoe store in Cortland, doing considerable manufacturing. Eleazer W. Edgcomb and Adin Webb formed a co-partnership in the mercantile business in 1823. Another prominent firm was Webb & Bishop. Truman Doud was an active and influential business man of Cortland. Daniel Laisdell was a large furniture dealer in those days. Charles W. and George Lynde were both prominent and influential merchants. The earliest law firm of prominence consisted of Judge Oliver Wiswell and Judge Stephens. Tercius Eels also conducted a general store in the early days of the village which stood on the site of the Garrison block. Large numbers of horses and cattle were collected at Cortland from time to time and shipped to Philadelphia. Among those engaged in that trade were Truman Doud, Harry Griffin, Gideon Messenger, Rufus Jennings, Joshua Ballard and Bela Pierce. Asahel Lyman, already mentioned, opened the first dry goods store at Main street and Grotton avenue, which

**The Court House** first erected in Cortland county stood on what is popularly called Court House Hill, fronting the street now known as Monroe Heights. (See view, page 34. The building may be seen, dimly, in the street perspective of the view, "Court, Corner Church Street, 1840," on page 3). It was a wooden structure, with a steeple and spire, about two blocks west from and facing Main street. The site, which cuts across the head of Court street, is now tilled land. The building was erected in 1812-'13, at an expense of \$1,600, payable in six irregular installments specified in the contract. Seven hundred dollars of the contract price was accepted by the contractor, Josiah Cushman, in material. The present structure at Church and Court streets, built of brick, is a substantial building, and is an ornament to the village. It is one of the best constructed buildings in any town the size of Cortland.

**E. R. Wright** came to Cortland April 1, 1899, with an experience of about twenty years as an undertaker and funeral director, and bought out Fletcher & Bangs, who were located on Clinton avenue. On July 1 he purchased the large residential property of H. C. Johnson at No. 16 Gorton avenue, refitting the house and stables to secure the necessary accommodations and conveniences for his business. These improvements included arranging and furnishing commodious apartments in the house for warerooms and the accommodation of funeral parties, a convenience of no small importance in many cases where his services are required by people coming from out of town. By putting up an addition to the buildings in the rear 40 x 70, he secured room for a workshop and convenient and ample storage facilities for the paraphernalia of his business. With an equipment consisting of modern hacks, open and closed surreys, single carriages, an ambulance (placed at the disposal of the public) and hearse, and with several teams of black horses, his outfit is all that the public demands. Charles L., his son and assistant, like his father, proficient in all parts of the business, is in charge during the latter's absence. Mr. Wright was born in Webster, Monroe county, Sept. 22, 1851, and attended school in that village. In February, 1879, he started in the business he has since followed, and thoroughly acquired, at Avon Springs, Livingston county, where he continued it with success until he removed to Cortland. In 1874 he married Alice G. Willard of Webster, N. Y. He is a member of the Masonic order, the I. O. R. M. and the U. O. A. M.

**Rev. Amos Watkins** was born in London, Eng., July, 1853. He was educated in a private school and in one of the schools of the city of London, which correspond nearly to the High schools of our own country. During his school days he passed both the Junior and Senior examinations for schools of secondary education conducted by the University of Oxford. He was a teacher on the staff of the Lincoln Cathedral schools and of King Charles the First's school, Kidderminster, and of other educational institutions. Was matriculated at the University of London, but came to the United States in 1882 before taking his degree.



Harris, Photo. E. R. WRIGHT.

Was graduated from the Illinois State Normal school in 1886, and appointed principal of the High school, Pueblo, Col. There he studied for holy orders under the direction of the Rt. Rev. J. F. Spalding, D. D. In 1889 he was ordained to the ministry, and was assigned by Bishop Spalding to missionary work at various points in the Arkansas valley, in the eastern portion of the state. Two years later he was called to the rectorship of St. Peter's church, Pueblo. In November, 1893, he became rector of Grace church, Cortland, where he is now in the seventh year of his ministry. In 1883 Mr. Watkins married Miss Agnes Harvey of Kidderminster, Eng. They have three sons, James K., Herbert G., and John R., aged 13, 11 and 8 years, respectively. Mr. Watkins is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and chaplain of the Cortlandville lodge, No. 470.



Harris, Photo.

E. R. WRIGHT'S UNDERTAKING BUILDING AND RIGS.



Hyatt, Photo. D. E. SHEPARD.

**D. E. Shepard**, the dry goods man, came to Cortland from Homer, where he had been located three years, in 1896, and opened a dry goods store in the Schermerhorn block, occupying the place where George J. Mager & Co. had been doing business for a long time. A year later he moved into the new Samson block, his present location, at the corner of Main street and Groton avenue, where Mr. Samson was for many years engaged in the same business, and which became known as the dry goods corner. Mr. Shepard occupies a double store which had not been previously occupied, being in a new building, and which had been fitted up with circular counters, handsome brackets and modern and spacious shelving, according to his own ideas and to secure the best conveniences. The claim put forth by Mr. Shepard that his business in 1899 had largely increased over that of the two previous years, seems to have justified the choice of the location. The store has a floor space of 75 x 37 feet, with a basement of the same area, and the millinery department is 55 x 24 feet. It is fitted with cash carriers, toilets and an elevated cashier's desk; is lighted by gas and electricity and heated by steam. It is ceiled with steel and beautified with tasteful decorations. The north



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INTERIOR VIEWS OF D. E. SHEPARD'S STORE.

Carpet Department.

Dress Goods Department.

Millinery Department.

side is devoted to dress goods, cloaks and ladies' snits, and the south side to domestics, hosiery and underwear for ladies and children. On the second floor is located the millinery department, complete in all appointments, with sales and work rooms adjoining and connected with an arched opening. The basement is fitted up with the same care for details that has been bestowed on the main floor, and is devoted to carpets and upholstery, tapestries, curtains and shades, and linoleums, oil cloths, etc. The store has two entrances—from Main street and Groton avenue. Rea M. Shepard is the manager of the carpet department, and Miss Maud A. Shepard has charge of the millinery department. They are son and daughter of Mr. Shepard. Seventeen assistants are required to attend to the wants of the patrons of this store during the busy season, including the most skilled help employed in the millinery and other branches of the business. Mr. Shepard was born in Turin, Lewis county, N. Y., May 1, 1852. At nineteen years of age he entered the employ of Stoddard & Mager, dealers in dry goods at Lowville, N. Y. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Mager, who was one of Mr. Shepard's first employers, was several years later (when the latter came to Cortland), succeeded by him to a trade which Mr. Mager had for years enjoyed. In 1874 Mr. Shepard entered the dry goods house of Ames & Hungerford at Adams, N. Y., where he was employed as a clerk until 1887, when he opened a store in Lowville, where he carried on a dry goods business, with millinery and black dress goods for a specialty, until he moved to Homer in 1893, where for three years he carried on the business in the Brockway block. On Aug. 3, 1874, he married Minnie A. Moore of Lowville. Morris G., the third one of their children, is attending school.



Harris, Photo. D. E. SHEPARD'S DRY GOODS STORE.

**Long Rivers in the World.**—Amazon, 3,600 miles; Nile, 3,000 miles; Missouri (to its junction with the Mississippi), 2,900; Missouri to the sea, 4,100; Mississippi, 4,000; Lena, 2,600; Niger, 2,600; Obe, 2,500; St. Lawrence, 2,200; Madeira, 2,000; Arkansas, 2,000; Volga, 2,000; Rio Grande, 1,800; Danube, 1,600; St. Francisco, 1,300; Columbia, 1,200; Nebraska, 1,200; Red River, 1,200; Colorado (in California), 1,100; Yellowstone, 1,000; Ohio, 950; Rhine, 950; Kansas, 900; Tennessee, 800; Red River of the north, 700; Cumberland, 600; Alabama, 600; Susquehanna, 500; Potomac, 500; James, 500; Connecticut, 450; Delaware, 400; Hudson, 350; Kenebec, 300; Thames, 233.

**Around the Globe.**—Chicago to Portland, Ore., 2,374 miles—3 days, 8 hours' time; Portland to Behring Strait, 2,864 m.—5 d., 10 h.; Behring Strait to Irkutsk, 3,200 m.—6 d., 16 h.; Irkutsk to St. Petersburg, 3,670 m.—7 d., 15 h.; St. Petersburg to Berlin, 983 m.—1 d., 6 h.; Berlin to Paris, 667 m.—17 h.; Paris to London, 258 m.—8 h.; London to Liverpool, 202 m.—4 h.; London to Southampton, 79 m.—2 h.; Liverpool to New York, 3,068 m.—5 d., 8 h.; Southampton to New York, 3,098 m.—5 d., 16 h.; New York to Chicago, 912 m.—1 d. A total of 18,198 miles.



Photo by Hyatt. D. E. SHEPARD'S DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

**Bingham & Miller** succeeded F. N. Harrington in the gentlemen's furnishing, clothing and merchant tailoring business, conducted by the latter for twenty-two years, in January, 1894. At that time and for several previous years the business was carried on in the next store south of the one now occupied by this firm. Trade increased to the extent that the accommodations were found to be insufficient. It was also desired to add a line of hats and caps and greatly enlarge the stock of gentlemen's furnishing goods, so on April 1, 1898, the firm moved into its present quarters, No. 43 Main street. Two floors were fitted up and the store on the ground floor was decorated in an attractive and tasty manner. The scope of the business comprises high grade, best quality clothing ready made and guaranteed in quality and fit. H. W. Post, a well known and competent cutter, has charge of the custom made work which recommends itself to Cortland people, to whom he has catered a great many years. On the second floor he occupies very convenient quarters devoted to the merchant tailoring department, and also on the same floor are kept in stock a large line of trunks and traveling bags from which selections may be made, in a variety of styles, and prices. H. F. Bingham was born in Solon, Cortland Co., June 28, 1868. In 1884 he went into the store of Burgess & Bingham as a clerk and in 1889 engaged with W. S. Peck & Co. of Syracuse as a traveling salesman, a position which he occupied until 1894 when he came to Cortland to go into business. He was married to Fannie Heuson of Elyria, O., Aug. 10, 1893. He is a member of Masonic lodge and commandery and is a shiner. John M. Miller was born at East Homer, Cortland Co., Dec. 9, 1870. When 20 years old he left the farm and came to Cortland, occupying the position of clerk in Burgess & Bingham's store for two years. On Jan. 1, 1895, he married Miss Lena Stevens of Cortland, who died Jan. 1, 1900, just



H. F. BINGHAM. (Hyatt, Photo.) J. M. MILLER.

five years to a day from the date of the marriage. Mr. Miller is a member of John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Tioughnioga club. He is also a member of Orris Hose and has been the foreman of that company two years.

**Cortland County** was named in honor of Gen. Peter Van Cortlandt, a gentleman who in the early part of the century was extensively engaged in the purchase and sale of land. The county was set apart from Onondaga county by authority of an act of the legislature passed April 8, 1808. It is bounded on the north by Onondaga county, on the east by Madison and Chenango, the south by Broome and Tioga and the west by Tompkins and Cayuga. Its area is a fraction over 500 square

miles and contains about 320,000 acres, forming a portion of the high central section of the state. Its northern boundary lies on the dividing ridge which separates the waters flowing into Lake Ontario and the tributaries of the Susquehanna river. The surface of the county is made up of hilly ranges, broad, level plains, and a plateau in the northern end of the county. Three high parallel ranges of hills cut the county from north to south. On the east is the Otselic Valley, and further west the Tioughnioga Valley, which spreads still further westward in a broad, undulating highland. Lateral valleys cut into the Otselic and Tioughnioga from many directions, with a generally northerly and southerly trend. The highest points in the county are Mt. Topping,



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR OF BINGHAM &amp; MILLER'S STORE.

(see view, page 59), the Truxton and the Owego hills. The northern plateau has an average altitude of 1,200 feet, while some of the hills reach an altitude of 2,000 feet. The scenery is very picturesque and the seasons are marked by many changes, the mean temperature in the Tioughnioga Valley being between forty-four and forty-five degrees. The soil is generally sandy or gravelly loam on the hills and much more productive in the valleys. The county is heavily timbered, chiefly with maple, beech, elm, basswood, pine, hemlock, chestnut and cherry.

**The State Excise Department** often receives queer and absurd requests. One lady writes to know if there is no way to stop a neighbor from shaving his friends in the front dooryard under a tree on Sunday. Another writer inquires if the law will permit a man to drink whiskey in a blacksmith shop. The following is an accurate copy of a letter received by Commissioner Lyman: "DEAR SIR—I now write you those few lines to In-form you that such a woman, the name of Mary Scots and Joseph Trespass sells beers and every thing and every day and the havant got no lisons the maik trobel every day in the house the police man dont car becoss the boss of this plase treats him this plase lives in crothion utson new york this fello that maiks the complant lives up at the corry [quarry]."

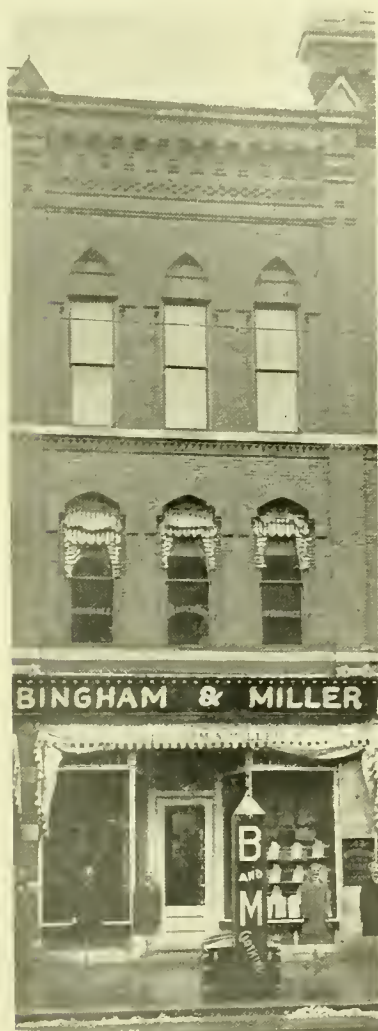


Harris, Photo. MISS CARRIE D. HALBERT.

**Miss Carrie D. Halbert**, teacher of the piano, and organist in the Presbyterian church since 1891, was graduated in classics at the Normal school in 1887, and was teacher in music there from 1889 to 1893, inclusive, when she resigned to devote more time to the piano and organ. She studied methods in teaching in Boston, took a three years' course on the organ in Syracuse, and studied the piano in the Ithaca conservatory under Aime Lachaume. On May 1, 1898, she took the studio which she now occupies, Rooms 12 and 13 Wickwire building, Main street, because of the demands made upon her by the increase in the number of her pupils. By exercising judgment in teaching and adapting methods to the individual pupil, she has succeeded in accomplishing admirable results. Among the best features of her work are the monthly recitals given to a large class of pupils at her studio.

**Supervisors, Cortlandville.**—The following is a complete list from the organization of the town: John Miller, 1830, '31; Washington G. Parker, 1832; Joshua Ballard, 1833, '34, '36; Harry McGraw, 1835, '37, '39, '40; Daniel Hibbard, 1838; Oren Stimpson, 1841, '46, '47; Abiram L. Bassett, 1842-'44; Marcus McGraw, 1845; Hiram McGraw, 1848-'50; Hiram Hopkins, 1849; Amos Rice, 1851; Hamilton Putnam, 1852; Abram Mudge, 1853, '56, '57; Harvey S. Crandall, 1854, '55; Deloss McGraw, 1858, '64, '65, '71, '75, '78, '79, '80, '84-'89; S. E. Welch, 1859, '62, '63, '66, '68-'70, '72; C. L. Kinney, 1860; Francis H. Hibbard, 1861; Norman Chamberlain, 1867; William D. Frederick, 1873, '74; T. Mason Loring, 1877; R. Bruce Smith, 1881-'83; '91-'96; George C. Hubbard, 1890; D. F. Wallace, 1898\*, (resigned November, 1899); Edward Alley, 1899, (vice Wallace). \*Supervisors' term two years.

**How to Keep Butter Sweet.**—"Eat it," was the reply a Schoharie farmer received to an inquiry accompanied by ten dollars.



Harris, Photo. BINGHAM & MILLER'S STORE.

**John C. Seager** in 1895, laid out and built the coal yards where he has since been doing business, at the crossing of Main street and the Lehigh Valley railroad. The location could not have been better, fronting as the office does on the asphalt paved thoroughfare, the business street of the village, and directly opposite the Lehigh Valley railway station. The yards extend back forty rods, with tracks running alongside the entire distance and entering the yards on the trestle built entirely of stone and steel—a trestle with a sufficient trackage to accommodate several loaded cars and facilitate the handling of coal. Here he has a capacity for the storage and handling of 100,000 tons of coal. The business also comprises all kinds of building material including cement and plaster as well as salt and phosphates. Telephonic connection is made between the central office in C. F. Brown's drug store and the yards, also with the local and long distance system. Lehigh Valley anthracite and Sonman white ash bituminous coal are sold at these yards both at wholesale and retail. In the course of a single month as many as

of the business he employed on an average the year 'round, sixty men. In May, 1889, he formed a co-partnership with S. N. Holden and they started the coal business in yards in the rear of the Hayes' Chair factory. Mr. Seager continued in the firm until 1895, and then withdrew to go into the business at his present location. On May 28, 1879, he married Harriet Warren of Cortland. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F., and the A. O. U. W.

**"Item."**—Here are some of the items in an old but interesting bill of accounts rendered by an artist employed in a Belgium church to touch up a large painting: Correcting "Ten Commandments," \$5.12; embellishing "Pontius Pilate" and putting new ribbon on his bonnet, \$3.02; putting new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mending his comb, \$2.20; repluming and regilding left wing of guardian angel, \$5.18; washing the servant of the high priest and putting carmine on his cheek, \$5.02; renewing heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning the moon, \$7.14; touching up purgatory



Hyatt, Photo.

JOHN C. SEAGER'S COAL YARDS.

175 car loads of coal have been sold by Mr. Seager. In January, 1898, he purchased a considerable strip of land fronting on the Main street in Cincinnatus and including the Wheeler house and lot, upon which he erected an office, sheds, barns and coal pockets, conveniences for dealing in coal, building material and feed, and there he established a branch to his Cortland business, which includes a greater range of commodities than he handles in Cortland, for the purpose of wholly accommodating the needs of a rural community; and the result is that he is one of the largest shippers on the E. & C. N. Y. R. R. This branch is in charge of Albert Hayes. Mr. Seager was born in Virgil, Nov. 13, 1852, and in 1877 he entered the office of the Cortland Foundry and Machine company as a clerk. Two years later he leased the business, and conducted it for four years as the Cortland Machine Co., selling out the business to the Hitchcock Manufacturing Co., in which he retained an interest until 1887, during that time acting as manager of the foundry, and then resigned, disposing of his interests entirely. During his management

and restoring lost souls, \$3.06; brightening up the flames of purgatory, putting a new tail on the satan, mending his left hoof, etc., \$7.17; rebordering the robes of Herod and adjusting his wig, \$4.00; mending the shirt of the prodigal son and cleaning his ears, \$3.39.

**Size of Large Bodies of Water.**—Oceans—Pacific, 80,000,000 sq. miles; Atlantic, 40,000,000; Indian, 20,000,000; Southern, 10,000,000; Arctic, 5,000,000. Seas—Mediterranean, 2,000 miles long; Caribbean, 1,800; China, 1,700; Red, 1,400; Japan, 1,000; Black, 932; Caspian, 640; Baltic, 600; Okhotsk, 600; White, 450; Aral, 250. Lakes—Superior, 380 by 120 miles in area; Michigan, 330 by 60 miles; Ontario, 180 by 40; Erie, 270 by 30; Huron, 250 by 90; Champlain, 123 by 12; Cayuga, 36 by 4; George, 36 by 3; Baikal, 360 by 35; Great Slave, 300 by 45; Winnipeg, 240 by 40; Athabasca, 200 by 20; Maracaybo, 150 by 60; Great Bear, 150 by 40; Ladoga, 125 by 75; Constance, 45 by 10; Geneva, 50 by 10; Lake of the Woods, 70 by 25.

**F. H. Cobb & Co.**, located at Nos. 25 and 27 Railroad street, have established a reputation throughout the Eastern states for the excellence of their productions. The firm is composed of Frank H. Cobb, Delbert E. Stanford and Leland G. Davis, and was organized Jan. 1, 1895, succeeding Cobb & Perkins, who in turn succeeded Eggleston & Cobb, who established the business in 1873. Their business is entirely wholesale, they being very large manufacturers of confectionery, and heavy jobbers of foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, tobacco, cigars, fireworks, etc. Mr. Cobb, the senior partner, is a native of this county, as is Mr. Davis. Mr. Stanford was born in Great Bend, Pa., but has been a resident of Cortland about ten years. They are all young men and hustlers. The business is steadily growing, showing fully ten per cent. increase yearly. Their building is fifty by ninety feet, three stories high, equipped with power elevator, lighted by electricity, heated by steam, and is admirably adapted to their business.



Butler, Photos. L. G. DAVIS. D. E. STANFORD. F. H. COBB.

Frank H. Cobb, the senior member of the firm of F. H. Cobb & Co., was born in Homer in 1851. He moved to Cortland and in company with J. E. Eggleston established the present business in 1873. He was married in 1876 to Florence A. Walworth. Mr. Cobb was a trustee of the Second ward two years, president of the village one year, is a member of the Board of Trade and Board of Sewer Commissioners, and is a director of The National Bank of Cortland. He was also president

of the N. Y. State Confectioners' association two years. He is a member of Cortland Commandery of Knights Templar, and John L. Lewis lodge of Odd Fellows. Mr. Cobb spent twenty-three years of his life on the road and has probably the largest acquaintance in this and adjoining counties of any citizen of Cortland.

Delbert E. Stanford was born in Great Bend, Pa., in 1864. He was in business in Great Bend three years and moved to Binghamton in 1887, where he was engaged in the fruit and confectionery business. He moved to Cortland in 1890, and shortly afterward became associated with Cobb & Perkins. Mr. Stanford is a very practical fruit merchant, spending much of his time, at certain seasons of the year, buying in New York and Baltimore. He was married in 1887 to Jennie A. Barnes of Halstead, Pa. Mr. Stanford is also a member of Cortland Commandery of Knights Templar and Canton Cortland Patriarchs Militant.

Leland G. Davis, the junior member of the firm, was born in Cortland in 1866, but spent his early years in Dryden and McLean. He became associated with Cobb & Perkins in 1882, and traveled for them thirteen years on the road, which vocation he still continues. Mr. Davis is also a member of Cortland Commandery of Knights Templar, Ziyara Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Utica, N. Y., and Mokanna Grotto M. O. V. P. E. R. of Hamilton, N. Y.



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F. H. COBB & CO.'S STORE.

**The Cortland Democrat** was established in 1864 by M. P. Callendar, who sold to Lucien S. Crandall, and he in turn sold, in 1868, to the late Benton B. Jones, who, with the exception of one year, when the paper was owned by Hon. Daniel S. Lamont, conducted it until his death on Dec. 20, 1896. Mr. Jones was one of the brightest paragraphers in the state, as well as a genuine newspaper man, and he brought the paper to a high state of excellence. The increase of business compelled the erection of the present Democrat building at Nos. 12 and 14 Railroad street, into which the office was moved in 1890, and where it remains. After the death of Mr. Jones, the paper was carried on by the administrator of his estate, Mr. George J. Mager, now president of the Second National bank, till purchased by its present publisher, Fay C. Parsons, on March 1, 1899. It is the only Democratic paper in the county, and active canvassing is bringing its subscription list where it will soon pass the 3,000 mark. Connected with the Democrat is an excellent job printing plant, which embraces five presses, one being brand new in Nov., 1899, and an excellent assortment of job type, which, with a competent force of employes, places the Democrat in position to compete with any office outside the largest cities. In its stock room is as large an assortment of papers, card boards, etc., as is carried in Cortland county. Mr. Parsons is a young man and a practical printer and newspaper man, having been variously connected with the business in every capacity from "devil" up since childhood, and in some of the largest offices in the state.



Harris, Photo. CORTLAND DEMOCRAT OFFICE.

**The County Seat Question.**—An act of the legislature passed April 5, 1810, named three commissioners to select a site for a court house, the parties named being residents of other counties. In the meantime courts were being held in the school house at Homer, which village, together with Port Watson, McGrawville and Cortland were rivals for the honor of being chosen as the county seat. The people of Cortland, through Jonathan Hubbard, arranged to purchase a site for the court house on the hill west of Main street, owned by Samuel Ingalls, and donate it to the county. This undoubtedly had the effect of turning the scales in favor of Cortland, as the commissioners decided upon this particular site. John Keep, Jonathan Hubbard and Mead Merrill, were appointed building commissioners, and on March 4,

1812, they entered into a contract with Josiah Cushman of Homer to complete the construction of the building, the frame work having been raised, the contract binding Cushman to finish the work by April 15, 1813, for which he was to receive \$1,600. On April 5, 1813, an act of the Legislature was passed directing that the courts be held in the court house in the village of Cortland on the second Tuesday in May and September and the last Tuesday in December. At this time Homer was the largest of the rival villages, but Port Watson, a port of entry, was an important village at the head of navigation and gave promise, as many people then thought, of becoming the biggest place in the county. Cortland, however, was growing rapidly and had secured the court house, which was regarded as a

long lead over her rivals. The feeling of bitterness that had been engendered five years earlier was revived, when on April 15, 1817, the board of supervisors were authorized to raise by taxation a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a jail. For nearly a year previous the subject was discussed with considerable vigor and a bold attempt was made to not only secure the location of the jail in Homer, but to get the court house also located there. The first step was taken at a meeting of the board of supervisors, in October, 1816, when a series of resolutions were adopted, naming Obadiah Boies, Wm. Lucas and Geo. Rice as commissioners to superintend the building of a new jail; also providing that a new site be selected and praying the legislature to name three disinterested men to make the selection. This brought forth a storm of pro-

tests from men who thought they detected a covert plan to get the county seat changed to Homer. Until final action was taken locating the new jail on the hill near the court house, the papers teemed with denunciatory communications and citizens expressed indignation in the form of meetings and resolutions. The bill introduced in the legislature of 1817 providing for the removal of the jail was lost, and early in 1818 a new jail was constructed—or partly constructed—on Court House hill near the court house. It was a square brick structure, two stories high with cells made of heavy maple planks.

**Longest Bridges.**—Montreal, 8,701 feet; Brooklyn, 5,989; Dneiper, 4,213; Havre de Grace, 6,000; Homestead, (Pa.) 5,300. The longest bridge in the world is in China. It is 23,000 feet.

**Lucian M. Loope** was born in the town of Solon, Cortland Co., Nov. 8, 1845. He was the youngest son of J. H. Loope, one of the oldest living pioneer settlers of this county, who was born in the town of Cincinnati in 1813 and has been since that time a resident of this county. He is now in his 87th year. Mr. Loope was educated at Cincinnati academy, Cortlandville academy, and Oneida conference seminary at Cazenovia. He taught several terms of district school during the winter seasons while getting his education. After leaving school he traveled one year through the western states for an eastern firm and afterwards came back and settled down three miles east of Cortland and engaged in farming and buying and selling real estate and also carrying on a wholesale and retail meat trade for a period of nineteen years. Mr. Loope has made his investments here from time to time and built several houses. In 1889 he moved his family into the village that his children might have better opportunities for getting an education and that he might devote his whole time to the real estate business. He has upon his books many of the farms and considerable village property in this locality besides outside property in many states of the Union. Mr. Loope was married to Catharine R. Crysler of Navarino, Onondaga county, Jan. 29, 1869. They have three sons who are married; the eldest, John A., is principal of Public School No. 35, Borough of Queens, City of New York; the second, Warren L., a graduate of Syracuse University, Department of Law, is a practicing attorney at Matteawan, N. Y.; and the third son, Arthur M., a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College, is a practicing physician and surgeon in Homer, N. Y. Another son is in the Central school and two girls and one boy are in the Cortland Normal school. Mr. Loope is a charter member and has been for years a trustee of the Congregational church. He is a Democrat and has stood as the minority party candidate on different occasions.



Harris, Photo. L. M. LOOPE.

**Adelbert Bennett Kingsley** began teaching the art of piano-forte playing when fourteen years old, having been thrown partially upon his own resources at that age owing to the death of his parents. He began taking piano lessons when six years of age and a year later made his first public appearance at Mahan's musical festival, in this village. He was born in Truxton Nov. 12, 1875, and for eleven years was a student at the Cortland Normal school, continuing to teach piano music more or less while he was in school. In 1896-'98 he attended the Syracuse University taking instructions on the piano from Dr. George A. Parker and a course in theory under Prof. N. Irving Hyatt. During that time, to pay his way, he gave instruction to classes in and out of the city. Upon his return to Cortland in 1898 he organized a class in the village, and subsequently obtained pupils in adjoining villages. In this work he has aimed to teach his pupils not only to be thorough, but to acquire the artistic in rendering the classics. He is a member of the New York State Music Teachers' association, of which he is a vice-president, a position he has filled for three years, and is also a member of the Cortlandville lodge, F. & A. M., and the Cortland Chapter, R. A. M.

**Population of Cities** in the state according to the last state census in 1892: Albany, 97,120; Amsterdam, 18,542; Auburn, 24,737; Binghamton, 34,514; Brooklyn†, 957,163; Buffalo, 278,796; Cohoes, 23,234; Corning, 10,025; Dunkirk, 10,040; Elmira, 29,911; Geneva, \*11,000; Gloversville, 14,694; Hornellsville, 11,898; Hudson, 9,633; Ithaca, 13,460; Jamestown, 18,627; Johnstown, 5,013; Kingston, 21,495; Little Falls, 6,910; Lockport, 16,088; Long Island City†, 35,745; Middletown, 11,612; Mount Vernon, 15,513; Newburg, 24,536; New York, 1,801,739; Niagara Falls, 10,000; North Tonawanda, \*10,000; Ogdensburg, 11,559; Olean, 8,131; Oswego, 21,966; Poughkeepsie, 23,196; Rensselaer, \*8,000; Rochester, 144,834; Rome, 13,638; Schenectady, 22,858; Syracuse, 91,994; Troy, 64,986; Utica, 46,608; Watertown, 16,982; Watervliet, —; Yonkers, 31,419. \*Estimated. †Constitutes part of New York City and ceased to be a city Jan. 1, 1898.



Hyatt, Photo. A. B. KINGSLEY.

**Eugene O. Dean** conducts a grocery at 95 Groton avenue which on Sept. 25, 1895, he bought of E. W. Bates, who established the business some ten years ago, and which has since then been largely increased. He is a dealer in fancy groceries, bottled and canned goods, wholesale and retail, butter and eggs. The second floor is used for non-perishable goods. Mr. Dean was born Feb. 2d, 1872, at Scipioville, Cayuga Co. He attended school and part of the time clerked at Buckhout's & Co. of Scipio, from 10 up to 21 years of age, coming to Cortland in February, 1892, and being employed as a clerk for E. W. Bates, until he succeeded him in business. He is a member of Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F., and Royal Arcanum and Foresters. He married Carrie B. Batten of Auburn Oct. 11, 1893. They have one son, Lewis R.

**High Structures of the World.**—Eiffel, Paris, 984 feet; Washington, Washington, 555; Pyramid of Cheops, Egypt, 486; Antwerp Cathedral, Belgium, 476; Strasburg Cathedral, Germany, 474; Pyramid of Cephrenes, Egypt, 456; St. Peter's church, Rome, 448; St. Martins church, Landshut, Germany, 411; St. Paul's church, London, 365; Salisbury Cathedral, England, 400; Cathedral, Florence, Italy, 387; Cathedral, Cremona, Lombardy, 396; Cathedral, Fribourg, Germany, 386; Cathedral, Seville, Spain, 360; Cathedral, Milan, Lombardy, 355; Cathedral, Utrecht, Holland, 356; Pyramid of Oakkarah, Egypt, 356; Cathedral of Notre Dame, Munich, Bavaria, 348; St. Marks church, Venice, 328; Assinelli Tower, Bologna, Italy, 272; Trinity church, New York, 284; Column at Delhi, Hindoostan, 262; Church of Notre Dame, Paris, 224; Bunker Hill Monument, Boston, 221; Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy, 179; Washington Monument, Baltimore, 175; Monument, Place Vendome, Paris, 153; Trajan's Pillar, Rome, 151; Obelisk of Luxor, Paris, 110; Egyptian Obelisk, New York, 69. Many office buildings in New York are higher



Hyatt, Photo.

E. O. DEAN.

than most of the above structures, which, however, are mentioned as among the notable structures visited by sightseers.

**Population of Vicinity Villages** (incorporated) given in the State School census of 1898: Cortland, 8,894; Dryden, 814; De Ruyter, 638; Freeville, 374; Groton, 1,342; Homer, 2,365; Marathon, 1,116; McGraw, 801; Moravia, 1,510; New Berlin, 1,109; Norwich, 6,004; Oxford, 1,875; Tully, 588. I. W. Brown, 1895, gave Cortland 10,769.

**Salary of State Officers.**—Governor, \$10,000; lieutenant-governor, \$5,000; secretary of state, \$5,000; comptroller, \$6,000; state treasurer, \$5,000; attorney general, \$5,000; state engineer and surveyor, \$5,000; superintendent of public instruction, \$5,000; superintendent public works, \$6,000; superintendent of insurance, \$7,000; superintendent of banks, \$7,000; superintendent of prisons, \$6,000; excise commissioner, \$5,000; state charity commissioners, \$10 per day actual duties (limited to \$500); state prison commissioners, same (limited to \$4,000 for all); superintendent of state prisons, \$6,000; railroad commissioner, \$8,000; judge of court of claims, \$5,000; tax commissioner, \$2,500; commissioner of agriculture, \$4,000; commissioner of fisheries and game, \$2,500 (president, \$3,000); state factory inspector, \$3,000; labor arbitrator, \$3,000; civil service commissioner, \$2,000; commissioner of labor statistics, \$3,000.



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INTERIOR OF E. O. DEAN'S STORE.

The Cortland Carriage Goods Co. is one of the manufacturing industries that forms the substantial business basis peculiar to Cortland. This company, incorporated in 1897, is now composed of the following officers and stockholders: President, Edward H. Brewer; treasurer and general manager, Andrew J. Murray; secretary, William A. Dunn; superintendent, Charles M. De Vany; and Jason Brown and Mrs. Eda A. Brewer.

The factory is commonly known as "Brewer's Factory," for it is very largely due to the personal, untiring and far-seeing efforts of Mr. E. H. Brewer that such an industry has been developed. One of the most striking peculiarities of this particular plant and its corps of workers is that many have been promoted along all the steps of advancement, and are now working their ninth, tenth, eleventh, and even twentieth year in the employ of this company.

In 1834 Mr. Henry Brewer established a harness manufactory in Cortland and built up a satisfactory trade in that line. The principles of thrift, coupled with earnest, faithful devotion to business, enabled Mr. Brewer to lay the foundation for a manufacturing plant that is the subject of this sketch.

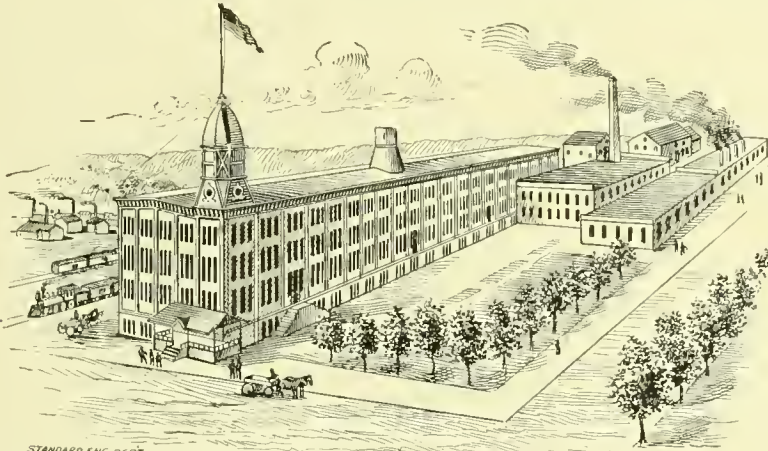
ter Mr. Brewer and Mr. Murray acquired the greater part of Mr. Brown's interest in the property.

To-day this company is in the midst of their busiest year and season. They aim always to give the best of goods as to quality, style and finish. The best business treatment as to deliveries, courteous, painstaking and untiring efforts in meeting their customers' demands is as fundamental with them as the old saying, that "Honesty is the best policy."

The younger men in the organization are pushing every energy to make the closest of business competitions still leave a little balance on the right side of the ledger. All are alive to the most improved methods, and from office to garret system, energy and wide-awake business push are characteristic peculiarities of this hustling factory.

The present policy is to make few articles, each first-class in every respect, and to-day this company's principal lines include: Steel and leather-covered bow sockets, weldless top joints and forged shifting rails. In these lines their capacity is the greatest of any factory in the world. Their smaller lines comprise carriage top trimmings, box loops and bicycle hubs.

In short, what is true of so many of the successful business enterprises of this, as other



Borrowed Cut. CORTLAND CARRIAGE GOODS CO.'S WORKS.

When the time came for the son, Edward H., to decide whether his life and education should be in the professional or business lines, the influence of his father's enterprises decided the young man to become first a partner and afterward proprietor in the harness business.

High class harness was the first chief line to be attempted. Success came through earnest effort. Soon was established the Cortland Box Loop Co., with a specialty of superior pressed loops and checked winkers. This was again successful, and bow sockets were added to the line.

When a new company, a co-partnership, composed of Mr. E. H. Brewer and Mr. David H. Brown was formed, styled The Cortland Harness & Carriage Goods Co. This company built the present plant. All the previous lines were continued and top joints and shifting rails were added.

The carriage builders' accessories becoming the greater department, the company name became The Cortland Carriage Goods Co., and in 1897 was incorporated.

At the time of incorporation Mr. Brewer had planned to spend the greater part of his year at his Florida home, "The Palms," at Winter Park, and Mr. A. J. Murray entered the company to become treasurer and general manager, and a year la-

ter cities, is that the dominating influence of one such man as Mr. Edward H. Brewer, assisted by well-chosen, loyal and helpful assistants, have built up a successful business by the most untiring devotion to every one of the principles of thrift and business success, and the practice of the truest principles of duty to one's best life efforts.

**Cortland in Senatorial Districts.**—When the county was first erected, by an act dated April 17, 1815, Cortland was classed in the Western senatorial district, there being four districts at that time, viz.: Eastern, Middle, Western and Southern. Under the second constitution of the state Cortland was in the Sixth district, there being only eight. Under the constitution of 1846 this county was placed with Broome and Tioga in the 23d district. By an act of the legislature dated April 13, 1857, the district was reconstructed so as to attach Cortland to Chenango and Madison, but on April 25, 1866, it was set into the 22d district with Onondaga county, where it remained until April 30, 1892, when, together with Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Tioga counties, it was made a part of the 25th district. By the constitution of 1894 it, together with Broome and Tioga counties, was made to constitute the present district, the 38th.



F. J. TYLER. (Hyatt, Photos.) R. F. SMITH.

**Tyler & Smith** are successors to the "Model Clothing Co.," which founded the business where the firm is now located, No. 49 Main street, on Aug. 12, 1898. The store was then opened under the personal charge of Mr. R. F. Smith. On Aug. 12, 1899, Mr. Fred J. Tyler and Mr. Smith organized the above named firm and bought out the "Model Clothing Co." Both are young men thoroughly acquainted with the business, and fully competent to conduct it on modern, up-to-date lines. It is strictly a one-price house, carrying a full line of clothing of the best and latest styles, men's furnishing goods, hats and caps. The clothing retailed by Tyler & Smith bears plain labels, and represents the output of the leading manufacturers of this country. The hats and caps are bought direct from the manufacturers, all hats sold by this firm being manufactured at Bethel, Conn., expressly for their trade. The underwear and other articles of furnishings are bought direct from the mills in case lots, thereby giving the trade the benefit of the jobbers' profits. During the current year these gentlemen instituted a custom tailoring department, which they placed in charge of Mr. Edward Duchett, an experienced cutter, and that department has started off with a most promising outlook, many orders having been taken for high-priced custom suits before the work-rooms were ready for occupancy. Mr. R. F. Smith is a practical clothier, having previous to coming to Cortland been associated with the manufacture of clothing for a number of years. During the period of '97 and '98 he was engaged in the retail of clothing at Akron, N. Y., for himself, having for one year previous

conducted a business for the "Model Clothing Co." at Newark, N. Y. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Mr. Fred J. Tyler previous to becoming interested in this business was a clerk with Tanner Brothers, and also with Geo. P. Yager. He was born in Virgil, and is a graduate of the Dryden academy. He is a member of Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F., and Tioughnioga club.

**High Mountains of the World.**—Mt. Everest (highest in the Himalayas), Thibet, 29,002 feet; Sorato, (highest in America,) Bolivia, 21,284; Illimani, Bolivia, 21,145; Chimborazo, Ecuador, 21,422; Hindoo-Koosh, Afghanistan, 20,600; Demaveud, (highest in Elburz mountains,) Persia, 20,000; Catopaxi (highest volcano in the world), Ecuador, 19,496; Antisana, Ecuador, 19,150; St. Elias, (highest in North America) Alaska, 17,850; Popocatepetl, (volcano,) Mexico, 17,540; Mt. Roa, (highest in Oceanica,) Hawaii, 16,000; Mt. Brown, (highest in the Rockies,) Brit. America, 15,900; Mont Blanc, (highest in the European Alps,) Savoy, 15,732; Mt. Rosa, Savoy, 15,150; limit of perpetual snow at the Equator, 15,207; Pichinca, Ecuador, 15,924; Mt. Whitney, California, 14,887; Mt. Fairweather, Alaska, 14,500; Mt. Shasta, California, 14,442; Mt. Ranier, Washington, 14,444; Long's Peak, (Rockies,) Colorado, 14,271; Mt. Ararat, Armenia, 14,320; Pike's Peak, Colorado, 14,216; Mt. Ophir, Sumatra, 13,800; Fremont's Peak, Wyoming, 13,570; Mt. St. Helens, Washington, 13,400; Peak of Teneriffe, Canaries, 12,182; Miltzin, (highest of Atlas,) Morocco, 11,500; Mt. Hood, Oregon, 11,225; Mt. Lebanon, Syria, 10,533; Mt. Perda, (highest of Pyrenees,) France, 10,950; Mt. Atna, (volcano,) Sicily, 10,835; Monte Corno, (highest of Appennines,) Naples, 9,523; Snerhattan, Norway, 8,115; Pindus, Greece, 7,677; Mt. Sinai, Arabia, 6,541; Black Mountain, North Carolina, 6,760; Mt. Washington, (highest in White mountains,) New Hampshire, 6,285; Mt. Marcy, (highest in Adirondacks,) New York, 5,402; Mt. Hecla, (volcano,) Ice-



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TYLER &amp; SMITH'S STORE.

land, 5,104; Whiteface, (Adirondacks,) New York, 4,871; Ben Nevis, (highest in Great Britain,) Scotland, 4,406; Mansfield, (highest in Green mountains,) Vermont, 4,280; Peaks of Otter, Virginia, 4,260; Mt. Vesuvius, Naples, 4,253; Round Top, (highest in the Catskills,) New York, 3,804.

**The State Legislature** consists of a senate with fifty members and an assembly with 150 members. Both houses are required by the constitution to meet annually on the first Wednesday in January, the legislative term and political year to begin January 1. The senators serve two years and the assemblymen one year. No restriction is placed on the duration of the annual sessions. The annual salary of senators and assemblymen is the same, \$1,500, with an extra allowance of ten cents a mile going to and returning from the capitol over "the most usual route" once during the session. No member of the legislature shall receive a civil appointment of any character, except that by an omission to embrace within the constitutional prohibition the words "from a state commission or department," a loop-hole has been left by which members of the legislature are almost constantly drawing salaries from the state for acting as "attorneys" for various state legislative commissions or committees which they, themselves, caused to be created. The constitutional convention of



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR OF TYLER & SMITH'S STORE.

1894 undoubtedly intended to prohibit any legislator from drawing two salaries from the state. Holding a civil or military office under the United States, or any office under a city government, within 100 days of election, disqualifies the party for election to the legislature. A majority of either house constitutes a quorum for doing business, except on the final passage of bills carrying appropriations, creating debt or imposing a tax, when it is necessary for three-fifths to be present, and has the exclusive right to make its own rules and be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members. Either house has the right to close its doors against the public and may at any time shut out the whole or any part of the press from getting the proceedings. Neither house can adjourn more than two days without the consent of the other. For any speech or debate the members shall not be questioned by any outsider; and all members are exempt from arrest.

#### District Attorneys.—

Augustus A. Donnelly, 1819; Edward C. Reed, 1827; Wm. H. Shankland, 1836; Horatio Ballard, 1842; Augustus S. Ballard, 1847; R. Holland Duell, 1850; Edward C. Reed, 1856; Abram P. Smith, 1856; Geo. B. Jones, 1859; A. D. Waters, 1865; Riley Champlin, 1870; Lewis Bonton, 1870; B. T. Wright, 1874; B. A. Benedict, 1876; I. H. Palmer, 1882; Horace L. Bronson, 1886; Jerome Squires, 1892; Miles E. Burlingame, 1895; Edwin Duffey, 1898.



Harris, Photo. INTERIOR OF H. M. KELLOGG'S STORE.

[For Portrait, Residence and Sketch, see P. 39.]



Hyatt, Photo. F. H. MARICLE.

**F. H. Maricle**, proprietor of the large livery barns and hitching stables on North Main street, near the Cortland House, purchased the business Oct. 1, 1897, of T. H. Youngs. It is one of the largest and best located barns in the village, having a capacity for hitching from 100 to 125 horses. When Mr. Maricle took the business he equipped it with an entirely new lot of vehicles and his own stock. From eight to ten horses are kept busy in the livery department while as many are boarded. The accommodations are up to the requirements of a large business, there being accommodations in the livery and boarding stables for thirty horses. Mr. Maricle was born in Marathon, Jan. 14, 1864, and attended school in that village. Until twelve years of age he lived on a farm, his father being a farmer, but in 1876 entered the employ of the McGraws in McGraw, working in the corset factory, where he remained until 1888, when he went to Canada and was employed for some years in the large wholesale and retail clothing house of W. E. Sanford & Co. in Toronto and Hamilton. Returning to the states, he again went to McGraw, where he remained two years. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F. In March, 1887, he married Carrie Totman of McGraw.

**The Old Carding Mill** was erected in 1815 by David McClure, and it is supposed was used about two or three years as a nail factory [see "Early Industries," p. 93] In 1818 Moses Hopkins advertised that he had "two new carding machines ready

for operation in Mr. Higday's shops, a little east of the red mills." This building was purchased by Horace Dibble in 1832 or '33, and has since been used by him and his sons for cloth dressing and wool carding, being the only cloth dressing establishment in existence in late years in this section of the country, though operated on a small scale, about what one man can keep doing.

**Decisive Battles of History.**—MARATHON, B. C., 490, Athenians defeated the Persians; SYRACUSE, B. C., 413, Syracusans defeated the Athenians; ARBELA, B. C., 331, Macedonians and Greeks defeated the Persians; METAURUS, B. C., 207, Romans defeated the Carthaginians; PHILIPPI, B. C., 42, Octavius and Antony defeated Brutus and Cassius; ACTIUM (sea) B. C., 31, the Roman imperialists under Octavius defeated the naval forces of Antony and Cleopatra; LUTZEN, 1632, which gave religious liberty to Germany; CHALONS, 451, confederates defeated the Huns; TOURS, 732, Christians defeated the Saracens; HASTINGS, 1066, William, the Conqueror, commanding the Normans defeated the English; Defeat of the Spanish Armada in the English channel by the English in 1588; BLENHEIM, 1704, English under Marlborough defeated the French and Bavarians under Marshal Tallard; PULTOWA, 1709, Peter the Great, of Russia, defeated Charles XII of Sweden; SARATOGA, 1777, victory of Gates over Burgoyne; VALMY, 1792, Prussians, Austrians and Hessians under the Duke of Brunswick defeated an attempt to invade France, by the French under Dumouriez; WATERLOO, 1815, Russians, Austrians, Prussians and English under Duke of Wellington defeated the French under Napoleon; TRAFALGAR (sea) 1805, English under Lord Nelson defeated the French and Spanish; APPOMATTOX, 1865, the Union armies under Grant defeated the Confederates under Lee; MANILA, 1898, (sea) the American war vessels under Dewey sunk the Spanish fleet under Admiral Montojo.

**Getting Popular.**—Why are bald headed men getting more popular with the ladies? "Because," replied a Cortland lady, "the condition of the poll indicates that the fortunate gentlemen have already been subdued."



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F. H. MARICLE'S STABLES

**Paul T. Carpenter, M. D.,** began the practice of medicine in Cortland in July 1897 in the new Samson building, where he was located for six months. When Dr. H. S. Braman removed from Cnyler to Homer, Dr. Carpenter picked up his practice in the former village and being the only physician within the radius of five and a half miles he had the opportunity for a wide range of practice which was of value to a young physician. In Sept. 1898, Dr. Carpenter returned to Cortland, being induced to take that step by reason of the urgent request of friends, and located in his present office, corner of Main street and Clinton avenue, over Sager & Jennings' pharmacy. He was born in Groton, Tompkins Co., July 30, 1869, and attended school in the old Groton academy, the district school at Cortland and the Cortland Normal school. When 18 years of age he entered the employ of Sager & Jennings, where he remained four years when he entered the Syracuse Medical college, where he studied two years. Following this he obtained a position in the Baltimore City hospital, where he had an experience in medical and surgical practice and then entered the Baltimore Medical college, where he was graduated April 17, 1894, returning to New York State and taking a successful examination in the University of the State of New York. At the completion of his first year of study in medicine he went before the state board of pharmacy and passed an examination which entitles him to practice pharmacy in the state of New York. He was married Aug 10, 1899, to Miss Lena Rose Tubbs of Cortland. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity of the Syracuse university and was leader of the Glee Banjo and Mandolin club of the university.

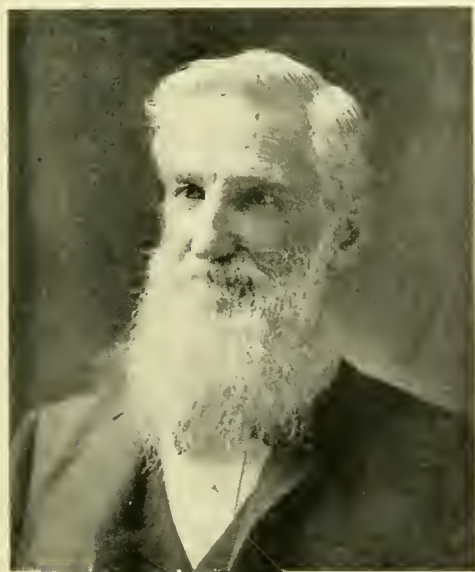
**Henry S. Edson, M. D.,** was born in Otego, Otesego Co., N. Y., in 1835, his father being a farmer. His grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Edson, was born in Connecticut, served in the war of the Revolution, and, when peace had been restored, retired to the practice of his profession. Dr. Henry S. Edson attended district schools and in 1856 he began attendance at Cooperstown seminary and in after years received instruction in Delaware Lit-



PAUL T. CARPENTER, M. D.

erary institute under the principalship of the late Dr. Kerr. Subsequently he attended Fort Plain seminary under Dr. Bannister. Some fifteen years were spent largely in teaching in the public schools of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York. After filling the position of principal of Renovo graded school and serving as one of the faculty of Dickinson seminary at Williamsport, Pa., he began reading medicine with his brother, Dr. Benj. Edson of Brooklyn, N. Y. Having attended lectures at the University of Vermont and at Union college, he graduated at the Albany Medical college in the class of '77. In 1892 he married Miss Alta N. Terry of his native county and two girls, Sarah Ella, aged six, and Clara Belle, aged three, have signified their approval. Dr. Edson has now enjoyed an increasing practice in Cortland for twenty years.

**New York State Schools.**—This state expends more money annually for educational purposes than any other state in the union. The records of the school year, 1897-'8 show: Number of school districts in the cities, 888 and in the towns (country and village), 10,864; total, 11,752; the total valuation of school property in the cities was \$56,012,562 and in the towns \$15,819,949. Expended for teachers' salaries in the cities, \$10,273,987.43, in the towns, \$4,882,290.51. Number of children who attended in the cities during the year, 691,543 and in towns 477,451; average daily attendance in the cities, 508,412 and in the towns 319,240. There were 585 private schools in the cities and 316 in the towns; 68,041 children attending in the cities and 13,407 in the towns. The whole number of licensed teachers employed 160 days or more during the year, in the cities was 13,819 and in the towns 15,511. The state expended from the free school fund for the support and maintenance of Normal schools \$293,544.70 and from the general fund for additions, improvements, etc., \$94,428.07. The instruction of Indian youth cost \$13,152.88 and that of the blind and deaf and dumb, \$247,376.48. The total expenditure for educational purposes was \$29,515,935.64.



Butler, Photo. HENRY S. EDSON, M. D.



H. M. LANE. (Hyatt, Photos.) A. E. BUCK.

**Buck & Lane** have been engaged as a firm in the hardware business at No. 104 Main street since January, 1891, at which time Mr. H. M. Lane bought the interest of Mr. George C. Hubbard, of the firm of Buck & Hubbard. The business was established more than fifty years ago, and has passed through the hands of different parties down to the time it came into the possession of the present owners. It was originally conducted on Port Watson street, in connection with a foundry, by A. & S. D. Freer, but several years later the two enterprises were separated. April 1, 1861, Norman Chamberlain and H. F. Benton, under the firm name of Chamberlain & Benton, bought out the Freers. Later, Mr. Benton selling his interest to Allen B. Smith, the firm became Chamberlain & Smith. Afterwards the business was conducted by the different firms of Chamberlain & Slafter, H. Cordenio Smith and C. S. Chamberlain. Early in 1880 Newkirk & Hulbert became owners, and three years later the business was moved from Port Watson to Main street. In 1884 Mr. Newkirk died, and on Dec. 15 of that year the firm was reorganized as Hulbert, Buck & Hubbard, Mr. Hulbert retiring in November, 1886, and the business after that being conducted by the firm of Buck & Hubbard until the retirement of the latter in favor of Mr. Lane. This is the largest hardware store in the village, comprising as it does four floors and a basement. The floor surface in each is 21 x 90 feet. The upper floor is used for general storage purposes, while the third

floor is the workshop for doing all branches of repairing and new work, such as plumbing, steam and water heating, furnace, stove and tin-work. On the second floor is the show room for stoves. The first floor is devoted to their large stock of general hardware, bicycles, mill and machinery supplies, and housefurnishing goods. In the basement are iron and lead pipe, plumbers' supplies, bar steel, glass and nails. Mr. A. E. Buck, the senior member of the firm, was born in Lysander, Onondaga county, on Feb. 27, 1849. His parents moved to Marcellus while he was in early childhood, and it was there, in 1867, that he began to learn the tinsmith's trade with White & Smith, where he was employed three years. Then he worked in Syracuse until coming to Cortland April 11, 1871, he entered the employ of Newkirk & Smith, later working in Oswego and again in Syracuse, returning to Cortland in 1876. From 1877 to 1879 he was engaged in the coal business under the firm name of W. C. May & Co., afterwards clerking for Kellogg & Place and Newkirk & Hulbert, remaining with the latter firm until he went into business as a member of the firm of Hulbert, Buck & Hubbard. He was married to Ella D. May of Cortland, Dec. 1, 1875. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and the A. O. U. W. Mr. H. M. Lane was born in Belmont, Allegany county, Aug. 2, 1855, and during the early years of his childhood was brought up on a farm in the town of Friendship. When 18 years old he entered the First National bank at Friendship, N. Y., as assistant bookkeeper. A year later he went into the banking office of Hoyt & Lewis at Wellsville, N. Y., where his services continued a little over seven years. In Jan., 1882, he returned to the First National bank at Friendship, where he held the position of assistant cashier for two and a half years, moving to Cortland in 1885 and entering into co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Elmer M. Williams, the two conducting a boot and shoe business under the firm name of Williams & Lane until Oct. 1890. The January following his retirement from that business Mr. Lane went into partnership with Mr. Buck. He was married Oct. 9, 1884, to Elma L. Williams of Homer.



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INTERIOR OF BUCK &amp; LANE'S STORE.

**Coon Brothers** went into the bakery business at their present location Sept. 10, 1894, succeeding Dowd & Chaffee, who had conducted the business during that year, they having bought out Cobb & Perkins in January, 1894. The firm consists of Dellazon Coon and his brother, Edwin B. Coon. The business comprises all kinds of bakestuffs sold at wholesale and retail, this firm supplying the grocers in Cortland and adjacent villages with everything that their trade demands in that line. They handle fruit in the season and manufacture home made confectionery, consisting principally of pan and brittle goods, which is sold to a certain extent by wholesale as well as at re-

tail. The screen works where they were employed for a few years and then went into the bakery business. The former was married Oct. 13, 1887, to Fanny L. Weaver of DeRuyter. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of this village and E. B. Coon is a member of Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F.

**The Old Militia** flourished in Cortland county as early as 1818, and even before this county was erected. In 1796 Solon, Cincinnatus and Virgil, then in Onondaga county, contributed men to the standing army of American freemen, which was a simple militia organization kept together by periodical trainings. Asa Danforth was the commanding officer. In 1818 the 36th Brigade embraced the



EDWIN B. COON.

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COON BROTHERS' BAKERY.

(An Interior View of the Store).

DELLAZON COON.

Portraits by Hyatt.

tail. To supply the trade they have worked up in the bakery line, two sets of bakers are employed, one for night and the other for day work. The building comprises a depth of over a hundred feet, including the store in the front and the work shop and ovens in the rear. It is located at No. 14 Court street, but a few doors from Main street, in the heart of the business section of the village and is in every respect as to appointments, equipments and conveniences, modern and complete. Mr. Dellazon Coon was born in the town of Cuyler, Cortland county, July 6, 1864. Mr. Edwin B. Coon was born in the same town Feb. 6, 1870. Both gentlemen came to Cortland about twelve years ago and went into

the 58th Regiment, which was commanded by Col. Martin Phelps, with headquarters at Homer, and the 4th Regiment, commanded by Col. Elijah Wheeler, whose headquarters were in the town of Solon. In 1833 is a record of the 67th Regiment, Col. Judah Pierce, and in 1853 the 52d Regiment, Col. O. M. Welch. About 1825 Roswell Randall commanded the 58th Regiment. Among other commanders were Gen. Daniel Miller, Col. Eleazer May, Col. William Squires and Col. Eli C. Dickinson. A troop of cavalry was commanded by Joshua Ballard, a company of grenadiers by Hezekiah Roberts, and a company of heavy artillery with brass ordnance by Benajah Tubbs. The parades of these commands were usually in Homer.



L. S. CRAMER. (Hyatt, Photos.) W. K. HOLLISTER.

**Cramer & Hollister**, hardware dealers, plumbers and steam fitters at No. 19 Railroad street, succeeded the firm of Cramer & Mellon, Jan. 1, 1896. Cramer & Mellon, who were successors of Seaman & Cramer, did business at the same place for about two and a half years and the latter, who were there about a year and a half, bought out H. T. Hollister who had then been in the same store about four years but who had previously carried on the business on Orchard street. Cramer & Hollister branched out into all kinds of metal work to a greater extent than either of the two latter preceding firms. This has been the case especially in plumbing, steam and hot water fitting. From time to time they have done several large jobs in Cortland and vicinity in fitting up buildings with steam and hot water heating apparatus, notably The Wallace Wall Paper Co.'s factory, besides several other large jobs in this village. The hardware business proper is carried on in a store 24 x 80 feet, with the shop in the rear where all kinds of general jobbing is done, while the fitting and cutting of pipes for plumbing and heating jobs is done in the basement, where a large stock for those purposes is kept. The firm also occupies the second floor of the building, which is used for the storing of stoves and a surplus of everything in the tin and hardware line; also for the display of stoves and plumbing goods. From 6 to 10 men are employed by the firm in the shop and outside work. The hardware part of the business includes everything carried in that line of trade, particularly stoves and ranges, among which is a full line of Summit ranges, guaran-

teed by the firm to be one of the best in the market. Mr. Cramer, the senior member of the firm, devotes his personal attention to the finances and the store business, while Mr. Hollister has personal charge of the plumbing, heating and contract work. Lawrence S. Cramer, the son of Henry V. Cramer, was born in Lafayette, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Aug. 24, 1848. His early years were spent on the farm with his father, during which time he attended the common school until about sixteen years of age, and then the Onondaga Valley academy and Syracuse schools. After leaving home he was for some time employed as clerk in the general store of Stephen Headson at Dewitt Center, N. Y., after which he was for 15 years in the employ of the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad Co. as station agent and telegraph operator. From the employ of the railroad company he moved to Cortland and was for two years previous to engaging in the hardware business, employed as bookkeeper and collector. He was married to Anna V. Palmer Sept. 16, 1875, and they have two daughters, May B. and Edith V. Mr. W. K. Hollister, son of Harvey D. Hollister, was born in the town of Truxton, Cortland Co., Feb. 13, 1870.

At 15 years of age he entered the employ of his brother, H. T. Hollister, in Cortland, to learn the plumbing and tinning trades, where he continued to work for the different firms, who have succeeded to this business as already above mentioned, until the time he formed the co-partnership with Mr. Cramer. He has received instruction at a trade school where sanitary plumbing is taught, so that the work he performs is of the best from a sanitary standpoint. He married Miss Maude L. Loucks, of Cortland, March 2, 1898. They have one daughter, Lillian Harriet. He is a member of the John L. Lewis Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 587.

#### Members of Assembly from Cortland Co.—

During the period of ninety years Cortland has been a county, only fifteen members have each served two terms and four members three terms each. Those who have served three terms are William Trowbridge, 1811-13, Samuel G. Hath-



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CRAMER &amp; HOLLISTER'S STORE.

away, 1814, '15 and '18, John Miller, 1816, '17 and 20, and Rufus T. Peck, 1889-'91. There have been two contests for seats, both unsuccessful, the first when J. B. Phelps contested the seat which was awarded to Josiah Hart in 1825, and the other when Lewis Riggs contested the seat given to Chauncey Keep in 1836. Cortland had only one representative in 1810-'22, two in 1823-'46, and one since 1846. The full list of members to and including 1900 are as follows: Ephraim Fish, 1810; William Trowbridge, 1811-13; Wm. Mallory, 1814; Samuel G. Hathaway, 1814-15, '18; Joshua Ballard, 1816; John Miller, 1816, '17 '20; Joseph Reynolds, 1819; John Osborn, 1820-'21; Daniel Sherwood, 1822, '23; John Gillett, 1823; Wm. Barto, Jr., 1824; Matthias Cook, 1824; James Chatterton, 1825; Josiah Hart (contested by J.



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR OF CRAMER & HOLLISTER'S STORE.

B. Phelps), 1825; Augustus Donnelly, 1826; John Lynde, 1826; Cephas Comstock, 1827, '36; Nathan Dayton, 1827, '28; John L. Boyd, 1828; Abraham Carley, 1829; Gideon Curtiss, 1829; Chauncey Keep, 1830, '36 (contested by Lewis Riggs); Henry Stephens, 1830; Fredus Howard, 1831; Charles Richardson, 1831; Andrew Dickson, 1832; Jonathan L. Woods, 1832; Enos S. Halbert, 1833; David Mathews, 1833; Stephen Bogardus, 1834; Oliver Kingman, 1834; Aaron Brown, 1835; Barak Niles, 1835; Josiah Hine, 1837; John Thomas, 1837; David Mathews, 1838; John Osgood, 1838; George S. Green, 1839; George Isaacs, 1839; Wil-

liam Barnes, 1840; Jabez B. Phelps, 1840; Nathan Heaton, 1841; Lovel G. Mitkels, 1841; Jesse Ives, 1842; Oren Stimson, 1842; Harry McGraw, 1843; George N. Miles, 1843; Platt F. Grow, 1844; John Kingman, 1844; George J. J. Barber, 1845; John Pierce, 2nd, 1845; Amos Graves, 1846; John Miller, 1846; Timothy Green, 1847; James Comstock, 1848; Ira Skeel, 1849; Lewis Kingsley, 1850; Alvan Kellogg, 1851; George W. Bradford, 1852; Ashbel B. Patterson, 1853; Perrin H. McGraw, 1854; John H. Knapp, 1855; George I. Kingman, 1856; Joseph Atwater, 1857; Nathan Bouten, 1858; Arthur Holmes, 1859; John A. McVean, 1860; Loammi Kinney, 1861; Thos. Barry, 1862; Henry B. Van Hoesen, 1863; Benj. F. Tillinghast, 1864; Dann C. Squires, 1865, '72; Stephen Patrick, 1866; Horatio Ballard, 1867; Raymond P. Balcock, 1868; Hiram Whitmarsh, 1869; Charles Foster, 1870; Henry S. Randall, 1871; Geo. W. Phillips, 1873, '74; Daniel E. Whitmore, 1875; Judson C. Nelson, 1876, '83; Delos McGraw, 1877; Orris U. Kellogg, 1878; George H. Arnold, 1879; Samuel A. Childs, 1880; Alburtis A. Carley, 1881, '82; A. Judson Kneeland, 1884; Harlan P. Andrews, 1885; Milfred M. Brown, 1886; Wayland D. Tisdale, 1887, '88; Rufus T. Peck, 1889, '90, '91; James H. Tripp, 1892, '93; Benjamin F. Lee, 1894; Wilbur Holmes, 1895; Franklin P. Saunders, 1896, '97; D. W. VanHoesen, 1898; Geo. S. Sands, 1899, 1900.



AN OLD ROMAN ARCH.—(WHERE IS IT?)

**Colonial Governors of New York.**—Adrian Joris, term began 1623; Cornelius Jacobzen, May, 1624; Wm. Verhulst, 1625; Peter Minnit, May 4, 1626; Wouter Van Twiller, April, 1633; William Kieft, March 28, 1638; Petrus Stuyvesant, May 11, 1647; Richard Nicolls, Sept. 8, 1664; Francis Lovelace, Aug. 17, 1668; Cornelis Evertse, Jr., Aug. 12, 1673; Anthony Colve, Sept. 19, 1673; Edmond Andros, Nov. 10, 1674; Anthony Brockholles, commander-in-chief, Nov. 16, 1677; Jan. 13, 1681; Sir Edmond Andros, Knt., Aug. 7, 1678; Aug. 11, 1688; Thomas Dongan, Aug. 27, 1683; Francis Nicholson, lieutenant-governor, Oct. 9, 1688; Jacob Leisler, June 3, 1689; Henry Sloughter,\* March 19, 1691; Richard Ingoldesby, commander-in-chief, July 26, 1695; lieutenant-governor, May 9, 1709; lieutenant-governor, June 1, 1709; Benj. Fletcher, Aug. 30, 1692; Earl of



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Bellomont, April 13, 1698; July 24, 1700; John Nautan, lieutenant-governor, May 17, 1699; May 19, 1701; Col. Wm. Smith, Col. Abraham DePeyster and Col. Peter Schuyler, (administrators of the state government on the death of the Earl of Bellomont and absence of the lieutenant-governor), May 5 to May 19, 1701; Lord Cornbury, May 3, 1702; Lord Lovelace, Dec. 18, 1708; Peter Schuyler, president, May 6, 1709; May 25, 1709; July 21, 1719; Gerardus Beekman, president, April 10, 1710; Robert Hunter, June 14, 1710; Wm. Burnet, Sept. 17, 1720; John Montgomerie, April 15, 1728; Rip Van Dam, president, July 1, 1731; William Cosby, Aug. 1, 1732; George Clarke, president, March 10, 1736; lieutenant-governor, Oct. 30, 1736; George Clinton, Sept. 2, 1743; Sir Danvers Osborne, Bart., Oct. 10, 1753; James DeLancey, lieutenant-governor, Oct. 12, 1755; lieutenant-governor, June 3, 1757; Sir Charles Hardy, Knt., Sept. 3, 1755; Cadwallader Colden, president, Aug. 4, 1760; lieutenant-governor, Aug. 8, 1761; lieutenant-governor, Nov. 18, 1761; lieutenant-governor, June 28, 1763; lieutenant-governor, Sept. 12, 1769; lieutenant-governor, April 7, 1774; Robert Monckton, Oct. 26, 1761, June 14, 1762; Sir Henry Moore, Bart. Nov. 13, 1765; Earl of Dunmore, Oct. 19, 1770; William Tryon, July 9, 1771, June 28, 1775; James Robertson, (military governor during the war not recognized by the state), March 23, 1780; Andrew Elliott, (acting military governor during the war), lieutenant-governor, April 17, 1783; Peter Van Brugh Livingston, May 23, 1775. Provincial Congress (rulers)--Nathaniel Woodhull, president pro tem, Aug. 28, 1775,

Dec. 6, 1775; Abraham Yates, Jr., president, pro tem, Nov. 2, 1775, president pro tem, Aug. 10, 1776, president pro tem, Aug. 28, 1776; John Harding, president pro tem, Dec. 16, 1775; Peter Livingston, Sept. 26, 1776; Abraham Ten Broeck, March 6, 1777; Leonard Gansevoort, president pro tem, April 18, 1777; Pierre Van Cortlandt, president council safety, May 14, 1777.

\*This governor's name is down to this day used as a term of reproach in the single county of Schoharie, whose forefathers claimed to have been treated vilely by him. To apply the term "a Slaughter" in that county is regarded as a heinous insult.

**The Kremlin** was opened as a first-class hotel by Wickwire Brothers, who had recently purchased the property, about three years ago, and was placed under the management of Lyman Carns. On May 1, 1899, the property was sold to Mr. Albert Allen, who at once took possession and now conducts the hotel on a strictly high class order. It is three stories high, and has thirty rooms at the disposal of guests. The furnishings are comparatively new and of the most approved class, including velvet carpets, pretty chamber suits, etc. It is located on Court street, but a few doors from Main street, and a few steps from the trolley line, which leads hence directly to both railroad stations, the house being the nearest to the Lackawanna station of all the hotels. Mr. Allen is the purchasing agent for the Manhattan Beach hotel, and is familiar with the best manner of conducting a hotel. He also has charge of the Sunny Side Plantation in Arkansas, belonging to the Austin Corbin estate, where he spends a part of the winters. He is an experienced executive officer in the operation of railroads and a practical railroad man. He is high in the order of Masonry, being a Shriner and a Sir Knight. Mr. Allen was born in New York in October, 1837, and for fifteen years was a passenger conductor on the Morris and Essex railroad. In 1877 he was made the superintendent of the Syracuse and Chenango Valley railroad, and in 1887 he moved to Elmira, being then the superintendent of the E., C. and N. railroad. In March, 1889, he moved to Cortland, where he has since resided. The Kremlin is a very popular house, and under Mr. Allen's management it has been his aim to improve the accommodations in every way. He was married to Jennie Kenyon of Earlville Jan. 11, 1882.



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THE KREMLIN.

**George Edwin Butler** bought out George I. Pruden's gallery, corner of Main and Railroad streets, May 17, 1893, and has since been conducting the business at the same place. The gallery is complete for all sorts of photographic work, including the large as well as the small, in which Mr. Butler is proficient. He can turn out the best high grade productions, and does a great deal of work in pastels, crayons, etc. Mr. Butler did considerable work for the "Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland, and his pictures are among the very best in the book. In crayon productions he had made a specialty, turning out a class of that line of pictures which are equal to the very best produced anywhere. Mr. Butler was born in Al-

marked the termination of the war. Eight hundred men were enlisted in Cortland county and at the same time about five hundred troops formed into five companies, were recruited in Otsego county, leaving Cherry Valley for Albany early in January. When the two bodies were marshaled into one phalanx the governor made N. W. Green of Cortland, colonel, and the regiment was ordered to New York, taking their departure from Albany on Jan. 17, 1862. They were in barracks in New York three days, then on Riker's Island, East River, until they left for Philadelphia, where they arrived Jan. 30, 1862, reaching Washington Feb. 1, at midnight, and going into camp at Meridian Hill, where they remained until the 24th,



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G. E. BUTLER, SOUVENIR ARTIST, AND STUDIO.

bion, Orleans county, Feb. 28, 1863. On Dec. 8, 1880, Mr. Butler went into the gallery of Amos Belden, where he was employed until the spring of 1886, when he went into the Curtiss gallery at Syracuse, where he remained for seven years, thence coming to Cortland and going into business here as first stated. Mr. Butler married Fannie Wall of Albion, Oct. 20, 1886. He is a member of the Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co.

**The 76th Regiment** was mustered in at Albany December, 1861, and served with marked gallantry throughout the war, being mustered out along in 1865 after Appomattox and after participating in the grand review of troops at Washington, which

when they occupied Forts DeRussey, Massachusetts, Totten and Slemmer. Col. Green was sent home on charges preferred by the officers and Lieut.-Col. Shaul was placed in command. On May 21, the regiment was ordered to Fredericksburg and assigned to Brig.-Gen. Abner Doubleday's brigade—the 2nd, of the First Division, First Corps, Army of Potomac. On July 2 Col. William P. Wainwright was assigned to command the regiment. On the 21st of August the regiment, in the fight at Rappahannock Station, Va., was for the first time under fire. On Aug. 28 the regiment played a most thrilling part of the drama in the battle of Gainesville, where they lost ten killed, seventy-two wounded and eighteen missing. During the next two days the regiment par-



Hyatt. Photo. EDWIN DUFFEY, District Attorney.

ticipated in continuous manoeuvring and fighting at second Bull Run and South Mountain. In the bloody battle of Gettysburg Major Grover, then in command of the regiment was killed and Capt. John E. Cook, who took his place, performed his duty faithfully. In that battle it lost, killed and wounded eighteen officers and one hundred fifty-one men. Captain S. M. Byram was for a time in command, in September, 1863, when operating on the Rappahannock and again at North Anna in May, 1864, and along during subsequent operations until in the fight in front of Petersburg June 18 he received a severe wound and did not again rejoin the regiment. The last report of the 76th as an organization, then containing only a handful of the men who enlisted in Cortland in '61, was on Jan. 15, 1865, when it was commanded by Capt. E. B. Cochrane. The battles of the 76th were: Rappahannock, Aug. 21, 1862; Warrenton, Aug. 26; Gainesville, Aug. 28; Second Bull Run, Aug. 29 and 30; South Mountain, Sept. 14; Antietam, Sept. 17; Snicker's Gap, Nov. 1-3; Fredericksburg, Dec. 12-13; Chancellorsville, May 1-5, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1-4; Mine Run, Nov. 27; Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864; Laurel Hill, May 8; Spottsylvania, May 12; North Anna, May 24; Tolopotomy Creek, June 1; Cold Harbor, June 3-5; Petersburg, June 18; Weldon Railroad, Aug. 18-21; Poplar Grove Church, Sept. 30; First Hatchers' Run, Oct. 28; Hicksford Raid, Dec. 6-12; Second Hatchers' Run, Feb. 6, 1865; Five Forks, April 1; Appomattox, April 9. When the 76th started for Washington its organization was as follows: Field and Staff Officers—Colonel, N. W. Green of Cortland; lieutenant-col-

onel, John D. Shaul of Springfield, Otsego Co.; Major Charles E. Livingston of New York City; surgeon, J. C. Nelson of Truxton; assistant surgeon, George W. Metcalf of Otsego Co.; chaplain, H. Stone Richardson of New York Mills; adjutant, Herman F. Robinson of Cortland; quartermaster, A. P. Smith of Cortland; quartermaster sergeant, Albert J. Jarvis of Cortland; commissary sergeant, William Storrs of Allegany.

Line Officers	Capt.	1st Lieut.	2nd Lieut.
Co. A	A. J. Grover	C. H. George	H. W. Pierce
" B	Oscar C. Fox	C. D. Crandall	W. S. Wolcott
" C	G. J. Crittenden	E. R. Weaver	M. P. Marsh
" D	C. L. Watrons	E. D. Van Slyck	
" E	Wm. H. Powell	J. H. Ballard	S. M. Powell
" F	John F. Barnard	E. A. Mead	W. W. Green
" G	Wm. Lausing	Aaron Sager	J. L. Goddard
" H	Amos L. Swan	M. B. Cleveland	Robt. Storey
" I	John E. Cook	H. A. Blodgett	R. Williams
" K	John W. Young	C. A. Watkins	C. M. Gaylord

**Edwin Duffey**, the talented district attorney of Cortland county, was born in Buffalo, March 14, 1868. He received his preparatory college education in the Cortland Normal school, and was graduated with a brilliant record from Amherst college in 1890. In the autumn of the same year he entered the Columbia Law school, and was graduated as one of the men conspicuously strong in the Class of 1893. In the same year he was admitted to the bar in New York county, and at the close of the same year began the practice of law in the village of Cortland. His professional success was immediate, and in 1897 he was elected district attorney of Cortland county. As the prosecuting officer of the county, he has shown himself fearless and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. In July, 1897, he became a partner of Henry A. Dickinson, and still is a member of the firm of Dickinson & Duffey. Mr. Duffey is a man of unquestioned integrity of character, is endowed with rare gifts as a speaker, and with equal gifts as a scholar. He has an inherent honesty of character, which begets trust and confidence and commands respect. He is the very essence of loyalty alike to his friends and his convictions. As an advocate he is untiring, fearless, zealous and aggressive. As a counselor he is calm, dispassionate, fair-minded and conscientious.



J. S. BULL'S RESIDENCE.

**The Manufacturers of Cortland** employ in the aggregate about 3,000 people and pay thousands of dollars in taxes and insurance. Many towns and cities in this state which profess to be great manufacturing centers do not begin to offer as large an array of flourishing, substantial industries as can be pointed out in this village. Very rarely will one find among so many manufacturing institutions as large, well lighted and well ventilated shops, with high rooms, as good sanitary arrangements and as clean and imposing structures as are to be found here. Most of the institutions, too, have been built up from a small beginning. The wages generally paid in the Cortland shops will bear comparison with what the shop help earn in other places. While the an-

The Cortland Wagon Co.  
The Cortland Carriage Goods Co.  
The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co.  
The Cortland Screen Door and Window Co.  
The Ellis Omnibus and Cab Co.  
The Cortland Forging Co.  
The Cortland Foundry and Machine Co.  
D. F. Wallace Wall Paper Co.  
W. H. Newton Carriage Works.  
Wallace & Houck Machine Shop.  
Cooper Bros.' Foundry and Machine Shops.  
The Gillette Skirt Manufacturing Co.  
Keator & Wells Machine Works.  
Cately-Etting Anti Rattler (wagon attachment) Works.  
L. S. Hayes Chair Factory.



Butler, Photo.

**THE LITERARY CLUB.**

[See sk., page 32.

Miss Hendrick, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Roe, Mrs. Bardwell, Miss Booth, Mrs. Van Hoesen, [Mrs. Johnson, Miss Hubbard, Mrs. Apper.  
Miss Cornelia Adams, Mrs. Henry, Miss Goodrich, Mrs. Jayne, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Messenger, Mrs. Watrous, Miss [Minerva Adams, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rickard.  
Miss Kirby, Mrs. Walrad, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Sornberger, Mrs. Hendrick, Mrs. Mudge, Miss Gale, [Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Nash.

Mrs. Twiss, Miss Force, Mrs. Foote.

[N. B.—Upper line is key to the names of the ladies on the piazza; next, to those standing in front and sitting on upper portico step; third, those occupying front chairs and lower portico steps; fourth, to those seated on the ground.]

nual disbursements of the manufacturers is no small item, but is of considerable importance to the tradesmen of the village, the latter do not by any means depend upon the revenues from that one source as is too often the case in manufacturing towns. They draw a large trade from the surrounding country, not alone from the farming community but from the villages that lie contiguous to and within an hour's ride from Cortland. The class of products turned out by the industry of Cortland people vary, although Cortland is known outside almost wholly—by the general public—as the manufacturing center for wagons. The list of manufacturers is as follows:

Wickwire Bros., wire cloth.

Mrs. G. T. Chatterton Skirt Manufacturer.  
Palmer & Co. Skirt Manufacturers.  
Cortland Welding Compound.  
Wickwire Roller Mills.  
F. H. Cobb & Co. Manufacturers of Confectionery.  
T. H. Holcomb, M. Quinn, and C. F. Anderson, Manufacturers of Cigars.

**The Rosary Society** was organized about 1880. The present officers are: President, Miss Mary Morris; treasurer, Rev. John J. McLoughlin. The society is divided into fifteen circles. Each circle has a leader and fifteen members. The society is benevolent to its members and assists in furnishing necessities for the church.



Hyatt, Photo. DORR C. SMITH.

**The Cortland House**, a modern four-story brick structure, surmounted by mansard roof and tower, located at the junction of North Main street and Groton avenue, was erected in 1884 by Delos Bauder at a cost of \$55,000, and opened to the public Jan. 27, 1885. Main street south of Groton avenue jogs at the hotel corner, and the office windows and balcony command an unobstructed view of the thoroughfare south of the hotel, the business section of the village. The hotel, with fifty-six commercial rooms, wide ranging halls, a corner office and lobby looking upon both streets through high, broad windows; modern plumbing, steam heat, electric lights and perfect sanitary conveniences, is complete in accommodations and of as high a standard as is required of first-class hotels. It has a frontage on Main street of 111 feet and on Groton avenue of 73 feet. The billiard room adjoining the office has an entrance on Groton avenue. The old Cortland House, erected in 1829 by Danforth Merrick, was a landmark known far and wide. It was nearly square, standing four stories high, with a balcony enclosing two sides of the building at each floor. Mr. Bauder purchased the property in April, 1868, and in 1882-'3 expended \$19,000 in enlarging and improving it. On the morning of Nov. 28, 1883, the building was destroyed by fire (see "Big Fire of '83," page 105), and in a couple of hours' time an historic edifice, which had stood for more

than half a century, was left in smoking ruins. On July 1, 1895, the Cortland House was leased by Dorr C. Smith, the present proprietor, who married Nellie A., the daughter of Delos Bauder, June 19, 1878. Mr. Bauder then retired from active business life, after a successful hotel career of twenty-seven years on one spot. Mr. Smith began the study of law with A. P. Smith in 1871, and on Jan. 8, 1875, he was admitted to the bar at Albany. He practiced in Cortland until he assumed the proprietorship of the Cortland House. He was born in Moravia, May 9, 1851, and received his early education at the Geneva academy.

**County Judges and Surrogates.**—These were separate offices up to 1847, since which time they have been united. Surrogates—John McWhorter, term began 1808; Mead Merrill, 1810; Luther F. Stephens, 1811; John McWhorter, 1815; Adin Webb, 1816; Jabez B. Phelps, 1823; Charles W. Lynde, 1828; Townsend Ross, 1832; Anthony Freer, 1836; Adin Webb, 1840; Anthony Freer, 1844. County Judges—John Keep, 1810; William Mallory, 1823; Joseph Reynolds, 1833; Henry Stephens, 1838; Daniel Hawks, 1847; Lewis Kingsley, 1851; R. Holland Duell, 1855; Stephen Brewer, 1859; Hiram Crandall, 1859; Abram P. Smith, Dec. 5, 1867, elected to fill vacancy; Stratton S. Knox, 1884; Joseph E. Eggleston, 1890.

**A. S. Burgess**, one of the leading merchants of this village, began business in Cortland on Sept. 11, 1884, when he and D. H. Bingham started a clothing store in the Garrison block. After three years Burgess & Bingham leased the store in the four-story brick block at the corner of Main and Railroad streets, where they carried on business until the fall of 1893, when the firm was dissolved, Mr. Bingham retiring from all connection with the business and Mr. Burgess continuing to carry it on, as will be shown, on a larger and more ex-



THE CORTLAND HOUSE.

Borrowed Photo.

tensive scale. About a month prior to the dissolution the firm bought this property, the most centrally located in the business section of the village. In 1895, when it became plain that more room would be required to accommodate the growing business, Mr. Burgess purchased Mr. Bingham's interest in the building, and the following year built in the rear a four-story addition, making the store nearly a third larger, providing a ground store area of 25 x 105 feet, and giving an ad-

play of trunks and overcoats in the basement, which is finished up with steel ceilings and side walls, and is as well lighted as the first floor. On April 1, 1897, Mr. Burgess opened a clothing store in the thriving village of Marathon, under the management of J. G. Barnes, which not only carries the same line of goods as the Cortland store, but in addition thereto a full stock of women and misses' shoes. On Dec. 1, 1897, he established a general clothing store in the Clark block, Homer,



Harris and Butler, Photos. VIEWS OF A. S. BURGESS' STORE.

[See sk. p. 146.]

ditional entrance as well as an ample rear light from Railroad street. With so much extra room at his disposal, Mr. Burgess increased the scope of his business by putting in men's and boys' shoes, so that he is able to outfit men and boys from head to foot, giving them liberal range in making selections from ready-to-wear and made-to-order clothing, a full assortment of gentlemen's furnishings, hats, caps, trunks, traveling bags and dress suit cases. There are 2,000 square feet of room for the dis-

which is being successfully conducted by J. B. Latimer, along the same lines as the other two stores. Mr. Burgess was born in Solon, Cortland county, N. Y., May 31, 1863, and his first experience in trade was that of a salesman for W. S. Peck, Brother & Co. of Syracuse, N. Y. He held that position for three years and then came to Cortland to establish the business in which he has achieved marked success. On Feb. 9, 1893, he was married to Miss Minnie F. Mager of this village.

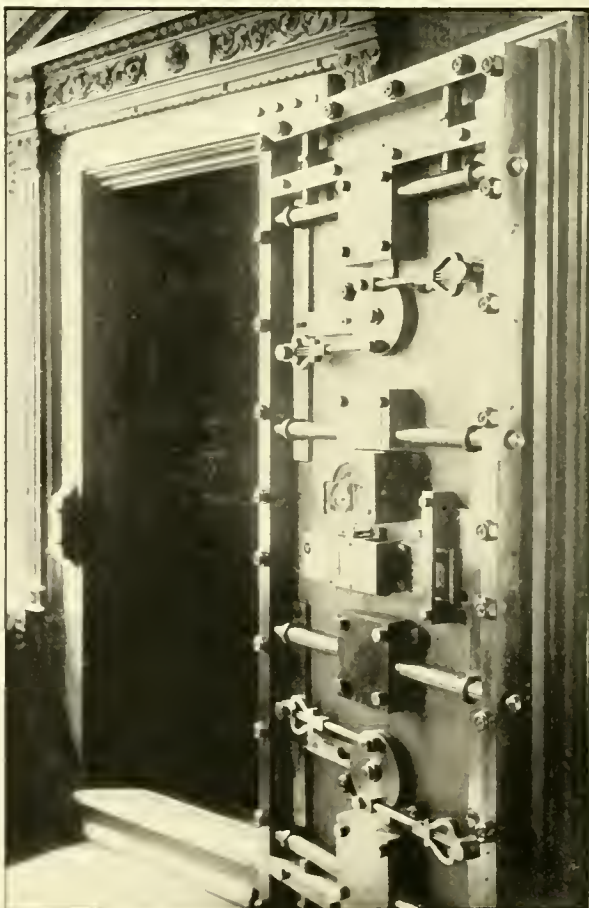


EDWARD ALLEY, (Hyatt, Photo.) EDWARD KEATOR,  
Cashier. President.

**The First National Bank**, one of the solid institutions of Cortland, was established in 1863, with Thomas Keator, president, Rufus Edwards, vice-president, and E. P. Slafter, cashier. Thomas Keator continued president of the bank until his death, June 25, 1879, and in the January following he was succeeded by Samuel Keator, who held the office until January, 1889, when Edward Keator, the present incumbent, took the office. Edward P. Slafter held the office of cashier until January, 1870, and was succeeded by William H. Crane in January, 1873. Fitz Boynton, who followed Mr. Crane, held office until Oct. 30, 1882, when Edward Keator was elected and continued in office until he was elected president, and was succeeded as cashier by Edward Alley, the present incumbent. Mr. Edward Keator was born in Delaware county, and was educated at the Quaker school at Union Springs and at the Clavrack Training School of Columbia county. He served an apprenticeship in the Cortland Democrat, and from there was advanced to a position in the bank of which his father was then president, and with which institution he has been connected for thirty years, of which time he acted as cashier from 1882 to 1889, and as president from the latter year to the present time. Mr. Keator is a member of the Masonic order. In 1889 he married Hattie, daughter of James Jones, formerly cashier of the Wyoming Bank of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Mr. Alley was born in Moravia, Feb. 24, 1864, and received his education at that place. May 12, 1884, he came to work in the First National Bank at Cortland as bookkeeper, and continued as such until elected cashier in January, 1889. At the same time he was made village treasurer. November 10, 1899, he was appointed supervisor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of D. F. Wallace, and his term will not expire until November, 1901. He is an active Republican, and serves as inspector of election. On Sept. 7, 1886, he married Miss Elizabeth Newkirk of Cort-

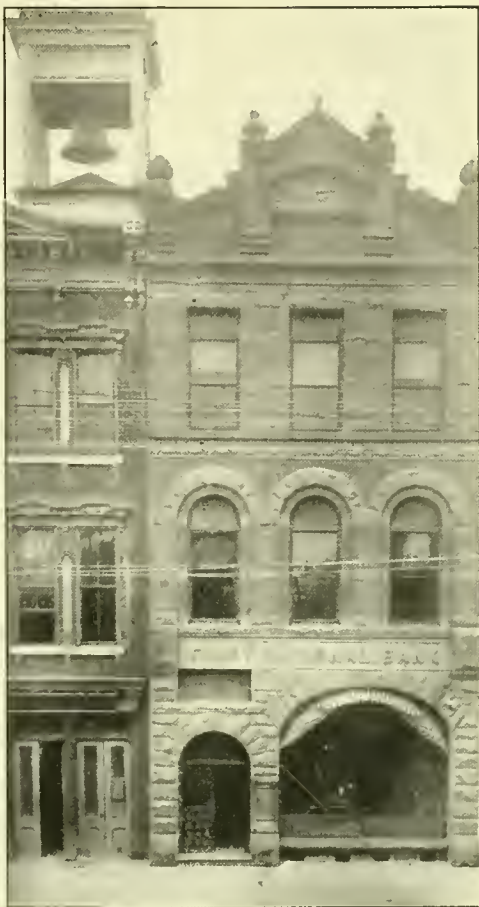
land. The First National Bank, the oldest national bank in Cortland county, was among the first organized in the United States, being No. 226 on the list at Washington. It has enjoyed thirty-six years of uninterrupted prosperity, and has accumulated a surplus equal to its capital. It has one of the best safe deposit vaults in Central New York, separate from the bank vault, and boxes for the safe deposit of valuables, rented at reasonable rates. Present directors of the bank are: Hon. A. A. Carley, Hon. O. U. Kellogg, Hon. Theodore H. Wickwire, Charles F. Brown, C. W. Stoker, Edward Keator, Samuel Keator, C. F. Wickwire, Edward Alley, R. B. Smith, Hector Cowan, E. M. Hulbert and R. Purvis. The officers are: Edward Keator, president; T. H. Wickwire, vice-president, and Edward Alley, cashier. The last statement to the Comptroller of the Currency shows the following healthy condition of the institution:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$396,164 42
U. S. Bonds, 4 per cent.	31,250 00
Five Per Cent. Fund	1,406 25
Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	262,041 84
Banking House	32,000 00
Cash and due from banks	142,436 53
	<hr/> \$835,299 04
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$125,000 00
Surplus and Undivided Profits, net	120,987 69
Circulating Notes	28,125 00
Deposits and due banks	561,186 35
	<hr/> \$835,299 04
Total	



Harris, Photo. TIME LOCK—FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

**Early Lawyers.**—Many men who have attained more or less prominence here and elsewhere were members of the Cortland County bar. Victor Birdseye was a member of the Constitutional convention of 1821, of Congress, of the Assembly and of the Senate. Henry Stephens was a judge of Common Pleas and an assemblyman. His partner, Oliver Wiswell was an assistant judge of that court. Among the best known Cortland county lawyers was Thomas J. Oakley, an attorney-general and a prominent member of Congress. Elisha Williams was a leader in the state Assembly. Samuel Nelson was a delegate to the Constitutional convention of 1821, a Monroe presidential elector, a circuit judge in the Eighth Judicial district, a justice of the Supreme Court and afterwards of the United States, and a member of the Constitutional convention of 1846. Judge H. Gray attained prominence, in 1836 as a member of Congress, in 1846 as circuit judge, and for many years as a Supreme Court judge. Judge Ira Harris, who subsequently obtained distinction as a lawyer at Albany, spent his boyhood days and first studied law in Cortland county. He was a Member of Assembly, a state and United States senator and Justice of the Supreme Court. Nathan Dayton and Joseph Reynolds occupied the bench in the Court of Common Pleas. The latter also filled the positions of Presidential Elector, Congressman and Member of Assembly. William Henry Shankland was a Supreme Court Justice and while in that position was one of those who, as the constitution then provided, were selected to form the Court of Appeals bench. Horatio Ballard, also a distinguished lawyer, was a delegate to the two national conventions that nominated Polk and Buchanan, respectively. He was Secretary of State, a Member of Assembly and a delegate to the Constitutional convention of 1867. Henry S. Randall attained prominence as the author of the life of Thomas Jefferson. He served as Secretary of State and Member of Assembly, elected to both offices on the Democratic ticket. R. H. Duell was one of the more recent members of the Cortland County bar who attained distinction. He was a Member of Congress and afterwards a commissioner of



Harris, Photo. THE FIRST NAT'L BANK.



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THE OFFICE—THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

patents. A. P. Smith held the office of county judge and surrogate for sixteen consecutive years, and was a lawyer of great ability.

**The 185th Regiment,** mustered in Sept. 22, 1864, at Syracuse, included Co's E, F and G from Cortland, respectively officered as follows: E—Capt., Robert P. Bush; 1st Lieut., Herbert C. Rorapough; 2d Lieut., Pembroke Pierce. F—Capt., John W. Strowbridge; 1st Lieut., Andrew J. Lyman; 2d Lieut., Harrison Givens. G—Capt., A. H. Barber; 1st Lieut., Hiram Clark; 2d Lieut., Daniel Minier. In a week after being mustered in the regiment was in the breastworks in front of Petersburg, and was assigned to the First Brigade, First Division, Fifth Corps—Gen. Warren, Corps commander, Gen. Charles Griffin, Division, and Gen. Sickels, Brig-

ade commander. The regiment took an important part in many engagements around Petersburg and Richmond, and after the surrender of Lee was detailed to take charge of rebel prisoners. The 185th were mustered out May 30, 1865, at Washington.

**The Cortland Door and Window Screen Co.** was organized in the spring of 1887 by the present company, of which W. J. Greenman is the president and E. M. Hulbert the secretary. The plant, which is as complete for the manufacture of these products as any in the United States, includes a two-story building 45 x 200 feet, which encloses the office, the shipping department and storehouse, a wing 45 x 75 feet for the storage of manufactured goods, a main structure 50 x 200 feet in which the products are manufactured, with a wing 50 x 75 feet containing the wood-working department where the frames are constructed. The finishing department is in a building 30 x 60 feet, and there is a separate boiler and engine house

**United States Senators from New York.**—Philip Schuyler, Albany, and Rufus King, New York, elected July 16, 1789; Aaron Burr, New York, (vice Schuyler), Jan. 19, 1791; John Lawrence, Queens Co., (vice Burr), Nov. 9, 1796; Philip Schuyler, Albany, (2nd term vice Burr), Jan. 24, 1797; John Schloss Hobart, Huntington, (vice Schuyler), Jan. 11, 1798; William North, Schenectady Co., (vice Hobart resigned), May 17, 1798; James Watson, New York, (vice North resigned), Aug. 17, 1798; Gouverneur Morris, Morrisania, (vice Watson), April 3, 1800; John Armstrong, Rhinebeck, (vice Lawrence), Nov. 6, 1800, re-elected Jan. 27, 1801; DeWitt Clinton, Newtown, (vice Armstrong, resigned), Feb. 9, 1802; Theodorus Bailey, Poughkeepsie, (vice Morris), Feb. 1, 1803; John Armstrong, Rhinebeck, (vice Clinton resigned), December, 1803; John Smith, Brookhaven, (vice Armstrong), Feb. 4, 1804; John Armstrong, Rhinebeck, (vice Bailey resigned), Feb. 4, 1804; Samuel L. Mitchell, New York, (vice Armstrong, resigned), Nov. 9, 1804; John Smith, Brook-



Harris, Photo.

THE SCREEN DOOR AND WINDOW WORKS.

40 x 50 feet. The machinery is driven with 200-horse power, which also furnishes heat and runs the dynamos which light the buildings. The capacity of the plant is 1,000 screen doors and 2,400 screen windows daily. The machinery includes twelve slitting saws and one gang saw, besides the required number of smaller machines necessary to work up the wood into desired lengths and patterns for frames, upon which the wire screen is securely and neatly fastened. The several buildings are connected so as to afford the best conveniences for handling the raw material and manufactured products. From the shipping room the goods are loaded into cars, which are run alongside upon a branch railway, and shipped to jobbers all over the United States. The company uses its own patents. The success of this enterprise, which is recognized by those who handle its products, is due altogether to the joint efforts of Messrs. Greenman and Hulbert, who from a small beginning in manufacturing screen doors and windows, have extended the trade all over the country and made permanent an industry which gives employment to a large number of Cortland people, and adds very materially to the prosperity of the village.

haven, (re-elected), Feb. 3, 1807; Obadiah German, Norwich, (vice Mitchell), Feb. 7, 1809; Rufus King, Jamaica, (vice Smith), Feb. 2, 1813; Nathan Sanford, New York, (vice German), Feb. 7, 1815; Rufus King, Jamaica, (re-elected), Jan. 8, 1820; Martin Van Buren, Columbia Co., (vice Sanford), Feb. 6, 1821; Nathan Sanford, New York, (vice King resigned), Jan. 14, 1826; Martin Van Buren, (re-elected); Feb. 6, 1827; Charles E. Dudley, Albany, (vice Van Buren resigned), Jan. 15, 1829; William L. Marcy, Albany (vice Sanford), Feb. 1, 1831; Silas Wright, Jr., St. Lawrence Co., (vice Marcy, resigned), Jan. 4, 1833; Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, Poughkeepsie, (vice Dudley), Feb. 5, 1833; Silas Wright, Jr., (re-elected) Feb. 7, 1837; Nathaniel P. Tallmadge, (re-elected), Jan. 14, 1840; Silas Wright, Jr., (re-elected), Feb. 7, 1843; Henry A. Foster, Rome, (vice Wright resigned), Nov. 30, 1844; Daniel S. Dickinson, Binghamton, (vice Tallmadge resigned), Nov. 30, 1844; again to fill vacancy Jan. 18, 1845; John A. Dix, Albany, (vice Foster), Jan. 18, 1845; Daniel S. Dickinson, (re-elected), Feb. 4, 1845; William H. Seward, Auburn, (vice Dix), Feb. 6, 1849; re-elected Feb. 6, 1855; Hamilton Fish, New York, (vice Dick-

inson), March 19, 1851; Preston King, Ogdensburg, (vice Fish), Feb. 3, 1857; Ira Harris, Albany, (vice Seward), Feb. 5, 1861; Edwin D. Morgan, New York, (vice King), Feb. 3, '63; Roscoe Conkling, Utica (vice Harris), Jan. 16, 1867—re-elected Jan. 22, 1873—re-elected Jan. 22, 1879; Renben E. Fenton, Jamestown, (vice Morgan), Jan. 20, 1869; Francis Kernan, Utica, (vice Fenton), Jan. 21, 1875; Thomas C. Platt, Owego, (vice Kernan), Jan. 20, 1881; Warner Miller, Herkimer, (vice Platt, resigned), July 16, 1881; Elbridge G. Lapham, Canandaigua, (vice Conkling, resigned), July 22, 1881; Wm. M. Evarts, New York, (vice Lapham), Jan. 20, 1885; Frank Hiscock, Syracuse, (vice Miller), Jan. 20, 1887; David B. Hill, Elmira, (vice Evarts), Jan. 21, 1891; Edward Murphy, jr., Troy, (vice Hiscock), Jan. 17, 1892; Thos. C. Platt, Owego, (vice Hill), Jan. 20, 1897; Chauncey M. Depew, New York, (vice Murphy), Jan. 20, 1899.

**The 157th Regiment** was mustered in Sept. 19, 1862, at Hamilton, Madison Co., for three years. Companies C, D, E, H and K were from Cortland county, and the remainder were from Madison county, except about thirty who were from Chenango county. The regiment arrived in Albany Sept. 26, 1862, where they were presented with a stand of colors, and reached New York that evening. The regiment was moved from Washington to Fairfax Court House and assigned to the First Brigade, Third Division, Eleventh Corps. Gen. Franz Sigel was the corps commander and Gen.



Photo by Harris.

E. M. HULBERT'S RESIDENCE.

Carl Schurz the Division commander. The regiment later joined Burnside's army and spent Christmas and a part of January in front of Fredericksburg and was then ordered into winter quarters at Oakland farm. But early in February another move was made and during the following spring, until the engagement at Chancellorsville, the regiment was most of the time on the march. In that fight over a hundred men were killed, wounded or captured. "The Bloody Roll Call," following the first day's fight at Gettysburg proves that the 157th was in the thick of that fight: "Co. A, six privates, one corporal, one sergeant; Co. B, five privates, one corporal; Co. C, six privates, one corporal, one sergeant; Co. D, six privates, one corporal, one sergeant; Co. E, two privates; Co. F, five privates, two corporals, one sergeant; Co.

G, seven privates, two corporals; Co. I, two corporals—Total, 51." On Aug. 12 the regiment was landed on Folly Island off Charleston, S. C. In April, 1864, the regiment received a stand of colors presented by the citizens of Cortland county. Soon afterwards the regiment was moved to Florida, six companies being located at Fernandina and the balance at Picolata. On June 15, the command was at Hilton Head, and on July 5 participated in an engagement near Charleston. In the fight at Hovey Hill, shortly after, the 157th and the 56th were in action side by side. Early in 1865 the regiment did garrison duty and constituted part of an expedition which occupied their time until mustered out, July 10, 1865, and precipitated them into several sharp engagements. The regiment left for the front organized as follows: Regimental officers, Colonel,



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W. J. GREENMAN'S RESIDENCE.



Hyatt, Photo. CHARLES F. BROWN.

P. P. Brown, Jr.; Lieutenant-Colonel, Geo. Arrow-smith; Major, J. C. Carmichael; Quarter-Master, P. H. McGraw; Surgeon, H. C. Hendrick; Assistant Surgeons, G. M. Crawe, F. D. Beebe; Adjutant, O. E. Messinger; Sergeant-Major, B. S. Fitch; Quarter-Master-Sergeant, C. O. Newton; Commissary-Sergeant, A. W. Kingsbury; Drum-Major, Andrew Bates.

Line Officers	1st Lieut.	2nd Lieut.
Co. A—Capt. J. H. Smith	G. R. Seaton	J. L. Palmer
" B—Capt. T. J. Randall	J. C. Ware	C. H. VanSlyke
" C—Capt. Frank Place	J. A. Coffin	Job D. Potter
" D—Capt. W. O. Dunbar	S. Z. Miner	L. E. Stillman
" E—Capt. B. B. Andrews	J. K. Backus	B. F. Jones
" F—Capt. J. R. Stone	W. A. Stone	S. Wickwire
" G—Capt. A. Tuttle	W. D. Bailey	H. Frank
" H—Capt. Wm. Beck	—Buck	George Adams
" I—Capt. W. Bellinger	T. W. Priest	Wm. Snider
" K—Capt. N. M. Daniels	Wm. Barnum	L. O. Kinney

**C. F. Brown**, the druggist at No. 53 Main street, has been in that business in Cortland, where he started in trade, since 1881, when in company with M. M. Maybury he bought out C. H. Bradford, who was then engaged in the drug trade in the store now occupied by Hopkins, the grocer, on the west side of Main street. Brown & Maybury, the new firm, were in partnership until the spring of 1893, when the former purchased Mr. Maybury's interest, and since then conducted the business alone in a manner that has made it one of the most successful stores in town. After Mr. Bradford's retirement and the firm had taken the business, they remained at the old place about three months, and then decided to change their

location to the opposite side of the street. So they moved into the store which is now occupied by G. H. Ames, taking one side only, leaving the other to be taken by J. C. Gray, jeweler. A year later the firm found their quarters too much cramped for the business they were doing. There was not an empty store to be had in town, and they adopted an expedient not commonly attempted,—that of buying out a man's business for the purpose of getting the store he occupied. E. H. Bates was running a grocery at Mr. Brown's present quarters. Brown & Maybury struck a bargain for his entire lot of goods, and in sixty days closed out at retail over the counters without advertising or putting it up at auction. Then what had been a grocery became a drug store, with ample conveniences and plenty of room. The store has since been remodeled and an increased capacity has been obtained by taking possession of the third floor. The additional floor has proven indispensable for two reasons. It is used for the fitting and sale of trusses, which is one of the specialties of the business, and is a valuable place for keeping the fine, high-priced powdered drugs, which are used largely in tinctures and fluid extracts that enter into physicians' prescriptions. They are very sensitive to heat and cannot be kept as well in the temperature that is required to make the store comfortable. The prescription department is a decided feature of C. F. Brown's store, and it is understood to be as complete as that of any pharmacy outside of the large cities. The paints handled by this house are among the very best ready-mixed on the market, and include a large supply of everything for house use, builders and carriage manufacturers. Mr. C. F. Brown was born in Homer, Jan. 14, 1858, and he went to school at the Homer and the Cortland academies and at the Cortland Normal school. He is a graduate of the Intermediate department, and was a pupil three years in the Academic department of the latter institution. Upon leaving school he entered into a clerkship for G. W. Bradford and continued seven years in his employ, where he learned the profession of pharmacist. He was married to Sara, the daughter of Samuel Keator, who at the time was president of the First National Bank, on



Photo by Hyatt.

CHARLES F. BROWN'S DRUG STORE.

Nov. 22, 1883. Mr. Brown is an active member and trustee of the First Baptist church, and is prominent as a member of the local Masonic order and the Odd Fellows, he at present being a senior warden in the Masonic lodge, and a director in the First National Bank. He is the senior member of the school board, and has been active in the development of the present most excellent system of public schools. He was on the board which constructed the Central school building, filling a vacancy by appointment received from the board. Since then he has retained member-

William L. Marcy (Rensselaer), Nov. 7, 1832; William H. Seward (Cayuga), Nov. 7, 1838; William C. Bouck (Schoharie), Nov. 8, 1842; Silas Wright (St. Lawrence), Nov. 5, 1844; John Young (Livingston), Nov. 3, 1846; Hamilton Fish (New York), Nov. 7, 1848; Washington Hunt (Niagara), Nov. 5, 1850; Horatio Seymour (Oneida), Nov. 2, 1852; Nov. 4, 1862; Myron H. Clark (Ontario), Nov. 7, 1854; John A. King (Queens), Nov. 4, 1856; Edwin D. Morgan (New York), Nov. 2, 1858; Reuben E. Fenton (Chautauqua), Nov. 8, 1864; John T. Hoffman (New York), Nov. 3, 1868; John



EAST SIDE MAIN STREET, CORNER COURT, 1870.

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ship on the board by virtue of being three times elected.

**Governors of New York.**—George Clinton (Ulster Co.), elected July 9, 1776; April, 1801; John Jay (New York), April, 1795; Morgan Lewis (Dutchess), April, 1804; Daniel D. Tompkins (Richmond), April, 1807; John Taylor Lieut.-Gov. (Albany), March, 1817; DeWitt Clinton (New York), November, 1817; Nov. 8, 1824; Joseph C. Yates (Schenectady), Nov. 6, 1822; Nathaniel Pitcher, Lieut.-Gov. (Washington), Feb. 11, 1828; Martin Van Buren (Columbia), Nov. 5, 1828; Enos T. Throop, Lieut.-Gov. (Cayuga), March 12, 1829;

A. Dix (New York), Nov. 5, 1872; Samuel J. Tilden (New York), Nov. 3, 1874; Lucius Robinson (Chemung), Nov. 7, 1876; Alonzo B. Cornell (New York), Nov. 4, 1879; Grover Cleveland\* (Erie), Nov. 7, 1882; David B. Hill (Chemung), Lieut.-Gov., Jan. 6, 1885; elected November, 1885 and re-elected November, 1888; Roswell P. Flower (New York), Nov. 3, 1891; Levi P. Morton (Dutchess), Nov. 6, 1894; Frank S. Black (Rensselaer), Nov. 3, 1896; Theodore Roosevelt (Queens), Nov. 8, 1898.

\*Only New York governor elected to and occupying the Presidential chair before the expiration of his term as governor.

**The Church of St. Mary of the Vale**, situated on North Main street, opposite Madison avenue, was erected in 1868. The rapid growth of the increasing population of Cortland finally necessitated the enlargement of the then towerless edifice, and in 1878 it was greatly increased in size by the addition of a transept with two spacious vestries attached thereto, and the raising of a handsome tower and spire. The latter was partially destroyed by fire in the fall of 1898, and was rebuilt in a more imposing manner under the supervision of Architect Russell of Syracuse. The church, which compares favorably with the most pretentious house of worship in a parish of this size, stands as a monument to the taste of the

beautifying the sanctuary and making it as nearly worthy of the continuous abode of the Blessed Sacrament as is possible by means of human skill and taste. Besides, a beautiful set of Stations was placed in the church a few years ago and solemnly blessed by Rt. Rev. P. A. Ludden, Bishop of Syracuse. The first Catholic church building in Cortland was a small wooden structure, erected on Port Watson street in 1855. Father Callen was then ministering to the spiritual wants of the Catholics in this village. No definite and detailed record of the church of that period is at hand, but it is known that it was not until 1864, when Rev. Father Coleman located in Cortland, that the Catholic church here

had a resident pastor, it always having been attended from Norwich. Rev. Father Coleman was succeeded in the fall of 1867 by the Very Rev. B. F. McLoughlin. His first assistant was Rev. Father Thomas McLoughlin, who was with him from 1877 to 1884, and who is now the pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Angels at Whitehall. He was succeeded by Rev. J. J. McLoughlin, who continued as assistant pastor until the death of the Very Rev. B. F. McLoughlin, which occurred Nov. 21, 1888, when he became the pastor, a post he has since so ably and satisfactorily occupied greatly to the spiritual advantage of his parishioners and with eminent credit to himself. Both of the Very Rev. B. F. McLoughlin's assistants were his nephews. He was a man of dignified, yet kindly bearing, whose many virtues shone in his every act and word. "Father Mack," he was familiarly called, gave him no offence, as he encouraged a feeling of close and pleasant relations between himself and his parishioners, without surrendering any of his dignity, that endeared him to them all. His affable manner and priestly character made him a wide circle of admirers throughout the community at large. He was ordained at Mount St. Mary's, and his first pastorate was at Keese-



Butler, Photo.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

architect and the credit of Mr. Harrisou, the builder. The walls are of dark red brick, with light colored trimmings. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 920, while the membership numbers more than 2,000. The grounds, which are neatly cared for, were enlarged in 1899 by the purchase of an adjoining tract 50 by 70 feet, from Mrs. Butler. A new organ was placed in the church in 1896 at a cost of \$3,000. Barnes & Mowry of Utica being the builders. In addition to the high altar erected in 1888, two side altars, the gifts of the Sodalties, have since been added. Other members of the parish, whose names have been published from the pulpit, have donated statuary, beautiful crucifixes, two magnificent candelabras and other necessary furnishings, thus

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the opposite side of Main street, a short distance south of the church. Soon after he assumed charge of the parish he started the movement for a new house of worship, selecting the site with that rare perception and good judgment which marked all of his efforts in behalf of the congregation. Midst some difficulties he persevered, supported by the loyalty of his people, and after ten years of hard labor he and his flock were rewarded by substantial fruit of their toil, — a church which is an architectural ornament to the main street of the village. The parochial residence, constructed in 1891 under Father John's direction, is an imposing, handsome brick structure. And now the society is practically out of debt. In 1890 forty-five acres were purchased for a new cemetery. Thirty acres were artistically laid out and were consecrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, Oct. 25, 1891. The church is blessed with two Sodalties, the Rosary, the Altar society, the C. M. B. A. and other flourishing societies, each of which, with a large active membership, is doing very much toward promoting the welfare of the church.

Rev. John J. McLoughlin, who has greatly endeared himself to his people, and who is very popular among all classes of people in Cortland, was born in Ireland in 1856, and was educated for the priesthood in the College of the Immaculate Conception at Sumner Hill, Athlone, where he was graduated in 1877. Upon coming to the United States he entered the University of Niagara, where he passed his examinations in October, and was ordained a priest Dec. 27, 1881, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, N. Y. He



Butler, Photo. INTERIOR OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

first went to Oswego as the assistant of Rev. Father Griffa, where he remained until 1884, when he came to Cortland as the assistant of his uncle.

**St. Mary's Church Choir** is an organization with a history for a score of years of considerable interest, but its remarkable growth and efficiency have been made during the past three years under the capable leadership of Frank W. Lanigan and who has been ably assisted by his wife as organist. Mr. Lanigan has been a member of the choir for sixteen years, and so his familiarity with sacred music naturally entitled him to the position of leader; but in addition to experience he has shown rare tact and executive power. Under his leadership the choir has increased from eleven to thirty-one members; they have learned more than twenty complete masses, the ones recently mastered being Marzocchi's, Rosewig's in F, Le Jeal's, Millard's in C,

— and Gounod's; their Vespers include the Gregorian, Fiske's, Le Jeal's, and Rosewig's. As an illustration of practical business, it is worth stating that under the auspices of this choir "The Merry Milkmaids" was presented two evenings, spring '98, from which they realized \$200 to be expended for music. Following are the members of the choir: Soprano, Margaret B. Lanigan, Mary Dowd, Anna Burns, Mrs. Daniel Kernan, Ella Dexter, Kittie Gamell, Katherine Littleton, Augusta Crossman, Nora Littleton, Agnes Mourin, Elizabeth Byrnes, Frances Mourin, Josie Lynch; alto, Elizabeth O'Connell, Mary Constantine, Katherine Walsh, Josie Sullivan, Katherine Coligan, Nora Hennessy;



Butler, Photo. ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL RESIDENCE.



Butler, Photo.

## THE CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

[See sk. p. 155.]

Gentlemen (left to right)—John Grant, John P. Lanigan, James Walsh, William Walsh, Charles B. Dowd, F. W. Lanigan, director, James Beha, Charles McEvoy, James Schermerhorn, John F. Byrnes, Joseph P. McGuire.  
 Ladies (upper row)—Katharine Coligan, Katherine Gamell, Mrs. D. Kernan, Kitty Walsh, Margaret B. Lanigan, Mary Constantine, Augusta Crossman, Elizabeth Byrnes.  
 Ladies (second row)—Anna Burns, Mrs. F. W. Lanigan, organist, Josie Sullivan, Katherine Littleton.  
 Ladies (lower row)—Agnes Moran, Nora Littleton, Frances Moran, Elizabeth O'Connell.

tenor, Frank W. Lanigan, John F. Byrnes, Joseph McGuire, John Walsh, Charles F. McEvoy, James Schermerhorn; bass, John Lanigan, James Walsh, William Walsh, John Grant, James A. Beha, Charles B. Dowd.

**O. W. Walter**, the well-known dealer in pianos, organs and musical instruments of all description, also the latest and most popular compositions, vocal and instrumental, is located in the Cortland House block at No. 6 Groton avenue. Mr. Walter caters to the best trade and handles the popular,

as well as the high grade instruments. He is the sole agent for Cortland county for many of the leading makes of pianos and organs, included among which are Ives & Pond, Shoninger, Behning and Capen and the Carpenter and Hamilton organs. He is undoubtedly, through his activity and push, extending his trade through the villages and country adjoining Cortland to the extent that he is admitted to be the leader in his line in this county. O. W. Walter established the business in 1892 at 25 North Main street and two years ago

moved to his present location. He has had twenty years' experience and was first in business for himself at Whitney Point, where he was located for six years. He was born at Newark Valley, Tioga Co., June 21, 1855, and was married to Miss Jennie Bishop of Newark Valley in June, 1881. He is a member of Vesta lodge, I. O. O. F.



Harris, Photo.

O. W. WALTER'S MUSIC STORE.

**The Young Ladies' Sodality** of St. Mary's church was organized September 19, 1880, by Rev. Thos. McEloughlin, with a membership of about twenty-five, with Miss Kate Feore, president and Miss Eliza Johnson, secretary and treasurer. The society meets semi-monthly, and now has an active membership of fifty. The officers now are: Miss Mary F. Dowd, president, and Miss Louise Martin, secretary and treasurer.

**Mrs. J. T. Davern & Co.** have conducted the ladies' furnishing and millinery business in their present location, No. 8 Main street, for the past seven years. This firm was for the seven years prior to that time in the Churchill building on North Main street, they having moved their business from the old Samson block into that building as soon as it was finished and ready for occupancy. Mrs. Davern is a practical milliner and ladies' furnisher, who has had experience in the best stores in Syracuse, having been connected with N. Peters & Son on Clinton street, the New York store on Genesee street and other establishments. When she began trade in Cortland it was in the old Samson block, where she started exclusively in the millinery line. Mrs. Davern's taste and skill soon became well known in Cortland and vicinity, with the result that her millinery trade not only grew beyond the accommodations in the old block, but the ladies came to her for assistance and advice in the matter of ladies' furnishings, which led the firm to increase the scope of the business by putting in all kinds of ready-to-wear clothing for the ladies. The store where the business is now being conducted is 28 x 90 feet with a basement done off for a stock room, and a workshop. The extent of the business is shown in the fact that this firm in the busy seasons employs clerks and work ladies, twenty assistants, including the best that can be had, those who have had the teaching and experience of the best city millinery establishments. Mrs. Davern gives her personal attention to the millinery department, while Mr. J. T. Davern does all of the buying and has charge of the financial part of the business.

**Altar Society of St. Mary's.**—In all Catholic churches the altar receives special care. This gives opportunities to the piously disposed who have leisure to keep the linen coverings immaculate, the candelabra whether brass, silver, or gold polished to the last degree and the flowers



Harris, Photo. MRS. J. T. DAVERN & CO.'S STORE.

freshly arranged according to the best taste. Any amount of money may be expended on the fine linens and the beautiful laces which are often interwoven with gold and silver threads and jewels. The floral decorations vary from beautiful violets and other wild flowers gathered for the purpose by little children to the most expensive hothouse roses. In order that this work may be carried on with the necessary system, societies are formed whose members are pledged to the work. The Altar society of St. Mary's of the Vale was organized about 1880 by Rev. Thomas McLoughlin, who was assistant pastor at that time. The society is now composed of over sixty members. The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. P. H. Dowd; vice-president, Mrs. D. Kernan; secretary and treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Quinlan.

**In the War of '61** Cortland county lost by death on the field 233 men and raised by issuing bonds to pay bounties \$610,070. Three companies,

E, F and G, respectively, commanded by Capts. Robert P. Bush, John W. Strowbridge and Albert H. Barber, went to the front with the 185th regiment, mustered into service Sept. 22, 1864, and mustered out June 10, 1865. Martin C. Clark commanded a company which joined the 23d regiment at Elmira, mustered in May 16, 1861. Eight hundred men were recruited in Cortland in December, 1861, who went out from Albany with the 76th regiment, commanded by Col. N. W. Green of this village. At the same time Cortland sent Captain Andrew W. McNett with a company in the 93d and Captain J. V. White with another company in the 3d N. Y. Artillery. The 157th



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR MRS. J. T. DAVERN & CO.'S STORE.



F. J. PECK, Cashier. (Hyatt, Photo.) S. S. KNOX, Pres't.

was raised chiefly in Cortland county and mustered into service at Hamilton, Madison Co., Sept. 19, 1862. [See history of the 76th, 157th and 185th regiments on other pages.]

**The National Bank of Cortland** was organized as a national bank May 13, 1875, it having previously been conducted for six years as a state bank. On Feb. 4, 1869, Articles of Association were subscribed to by several shareholders establishing a state bank, to be known as The Bank of Cortland, with a capital stock of \$100,000, which was organized with the following officers and directors: James S. Squires, president; James A. Schermerhorn, vice-president; B. B. Woodworth, cashier and teller; F. H. Hibbard, S. E. Welch, Samuel Seager, C. C. Taylor, Lucius Babcock, William H. Shankland, H. P. Goodrich, Horatio Ballard, Jerome Hulbert, J. C. Pomerooy, S. R. Hunter, A. B. Lamont. At a meeting held on May 13, 1875, it was voted to reorganize as a national bank under the name of The National Bank of Cortland, with a capital of \$100,000. The first officers and directors were: James S. Squires, president; B. B. Woodworth, cashier; E. M. Hulbert, A. B. Lamont, Samuel Seager, S. R. Hunter, G. L. Cole, S. E. Welch, Wesley Hooker, Martin Merrick, G. N. Copeland, O. A. Kinney and Hamil-

ton Putnam. Mr. Squires was succeeded by Mr. Wesley Hooker as president of the bank in January, 1884, Mr. Hooker retiring from that position in January, 1897, when Mr. Stratton S. Knox was elected to succeed him. Mr. Woodworth acted as cashier until succeeded by Mr. Charles E. Selover, in January, 1877, who in turn was succeeded by Mr. F. J. Peck in August, 1889. In the fall of 1888 the capital stock was increased to \$125,000. The total dividends paid to the stockholders of The National Bank of Cortland since its reorganization as a national bank, or during the period of twenty-five years, amount in the aggregate to \$203,112.50. During this time there have been accumulated as a surplus, including undivided profits, \$67,726.50. The bank has steadily grown in business, the last statement to the comptroller—January, 1900—showing the deposits to have amounted to \$391,641.45; its loans and discounts, the largest of any Cortland bank, were \$450,825.18. The officers and directors are: Stratton S. Knox, president; L. J. Fitzgerald, vice-president; Ed-

ward H. Brewer, Chas. W. Collins, H. M. Kellogg and W. J. Perkins of Cortland; H. C. Hendrick of McGraw; B. F. Taylor, G. J. Mager, F. H. Cobb and C. F. Thompson of Cortland; Peter D. Muller of Truxton; B. R. Corning of Cincinnati; William Martin and Frank J. Peck, of Cortland. The cashier is Mr. F. J. Peck and the assistant cashier, Mr. Henry L. Peckham.

Stratton S. Knox, president of the bank, has practiced law with success in Cortland for nearly twenty-five years. His special line is in office, real estate, surrogate and reference practice, and in settling up estates. He occupied the office of county judge and surrogate, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket in 1883, for a term of six years. In 1895 he was retained by The



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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CORTLAND.

National Bank of Cortland as attorney, and has ever since taken charge of its legal affairs, being elected president of the bank in 1897. Judge Knox was one of the most active citizens in securing for Cortland a system of modern sewers, which was the result of an agitation started previous to 1892, in which year a board of commissioners was created to carry the project into effect. He received the appointment as one of the board and was made its president, a position he has since occupied. While the judge has given no considerable time to politics, he is recognized as a firm Democrat, who has seen more or less service in party conventions and at the polls. He was born in the town of Colesville, Broome Co., Feb. 5, 1845. His early schooling was obtained in the district school and the Windsor academy. Later he spent part

ment was laid. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and chapter, and has occupied the post of Master of the lodge during the period of five years.

Mr. F. J. Peck was born in Aurora, Province of Ontario, Canada, March 15, 1864. When he was about a year old his parents came to Cortland county and located in Solon. His father, Rufus T. Peck, is well known in politics, because of the fact that he was member of assembly three years, 1889, '90 and '91, and as a candidate for state senator from this district in 1895 he lost his seat after a spirited contest, which attracted general attention. From Jan. 1, 1870, to Dec. 31, 1875, inclusive, (two terms) he served as school commissioner, second district. Mr. F. J. Peck was ten years of age when his home was transferred to Cortland. He was a pupil in the Normal



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INTERIOR VIEWS OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CORTLAND.

of his time teaching school and getting a higher education. In 1869 he came to Cortland, and two years later was graduated at the Normal school. In the fall of 1871 he entered upon an optional course at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Ct., and the following year entered the law office of M. M. Waters, in Cortland, where he pursued the study of law until admitted to the bar at the General term in Schenectady, N. Y., September, 1875. Before the close of the year he had entered into partnership with Mr. Waters, which continued until the latter located in Syracuse, in 1881. Judge Knox was married to Myra W., the daughter of M. M. Waters, Dec. 25, 1873. During the years of 1895-'6 and '7 he was village attorney. It was during his term that the question of modern pavements came before the people, and before he had retired from that office the Railroad street pave-

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**The Cortland County Farmers' Club** was organized Feb. 13, 1878. John D. Barber, Allen B. Benham, T. Mason Loring, A. P. Rowley, A. D. Blodgett, Dwight H. Hitchcock, Jas. M. Smith, Charles Copeland and Charles H. Price were active in keeping up an interest in this club in the beginning, and many well-known speakers and practical farmers have given time to the discussion of pertinent topics before the club, among whom were Prof. Roberts and Prof. Law of Cornell, Hon. Harris Lewis, once the president of the State Dairymen's association, Mr. Powell of Syracuse, Hon. B. F. Tillinghast, Prof. J. H. Hoose and Prof. James M. Milne.



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# VIEWS OF THE MESSENGER HOUSE.

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The Parlors.  
View from Port Watson and Main Sts.  
The Dining Room.

The Office.  
Private Dining Room.  
Main Hall, Parlor Floor.



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THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

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Miss Elizabeth Turner, Miss Mead, Mrs. Blodgett, Miss Mary White, Mrs. Booth.  
Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Allen, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss McGraw, Miss Stone.  
Mrs. McGraw, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Miss Hinman, Miss Brown.  
Miss Edith Turner, Miss Cornelia White, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Halbert, Mrs. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Ames.  
ABSENT—Mrs. Kinney, Miss McCulloch, Mrs. Stilson, Mrs. Van Hoesen, Miss Van Hoesen, Mrs. Webb.

**The Messenger House**, standing at the corner of Port Watson and Main streets, on a site which has held a hotel for nearly a century, is known from Maine to California as the "Commercial Man's Home" and its proprietor, "Ollie" Ingraham, is as well known and famous as the house. The Eagle Tavern was the first structure to occupy this corner. It was built in 1818 by Martin Luce and flourished until 1862 when it burned. In 1864, the Messenger House, built by H. J. Messenger, was opened to the public and has always been a haven of refuge for the tired and weary traveler. Originally it was a three-story structure with large, well-lighted commodious rooms. Mr. Messenger conducted the house for several years when it passed into the hands of William Copeland, who found it necessary to add another story to the building in order to meet the demands of the increased business. The hotel was rented to R. M. Smith, upon whose retirement James A. Barry, a famous hotel keeper, known to almost every traveling man throughout the country, became its proprietor. Mr. Barry gave way to William Chadbourne, who was in possession when Mr. Ingraham purchased the property, ten years ago. O. L. Ingraham, or "Ollie," as he is familiarly called, is a born hotel man, and he has won for himself a host of friends by his genial, wholesouled manner. He was born in Dolgeville, N.Y., fifty-one years ago, and made his first ap-

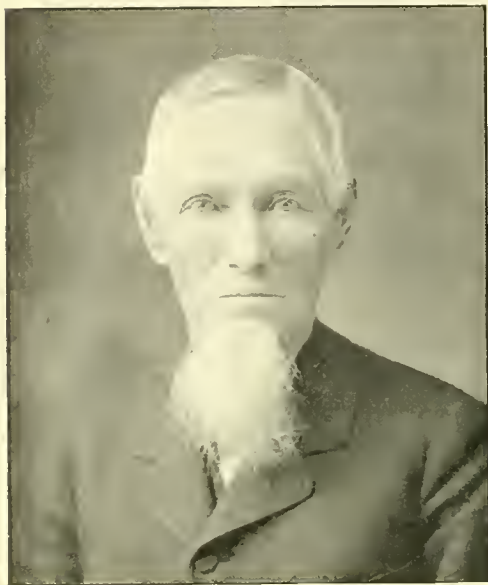
pearance in this village when quite a young man, but left here to engage in the cigar business in Syracuse, as a member of the firm of Nodine & Ingraham, and was the traveling representative of the firm, and his knowledge of the wants of the traveling man stood him in good stead when he embarked in the hotel business. His present residence in Cortland began fifteen years ago, when he became the proprietor of the European restaurant in Court street. He left there to become engaged in the drug business, and for several years ran the City Drug store. All this time he had his eye on the Messenger House, and when the opportunity presented itself he purchased the property. As a



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THE Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM.

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Harris, Photo. ROBERT PURVIS. [See sk., P. 163.

caterer to the wants of the traveling public he found the vocation for which nature had fitted him, and although the house was known far and wide as a model of its kind, he has even added to its reputation. Nothing is lacking to add to the comforts of his guests. The rooms, about 75 in number, are kept scrupulously clean, the linen white and snowy, and the beds soft and comfortable. The house is lighted throughout by gas and electricity. There is nothing which appeals more to a guest than the table. The viands are well cooked and the delicacies of the season appear on the tables and this department of the hotel has done much toward building up and sustaining its name. Experienced help is employed throughout the house and the very best service possible is given. Mr. Ingraham is a hard working and painstaking landlord.

N. B.—There is no hotel—and I have been at most all of them, having traveled over the state for twenty-five years—which sets a better table, excepting only those in the large cities of the state.—“GRIP.”

**The Poor Account** in Cortland county is never very heavy. Very little extreme poverty exists. The county supported for the fiscal year of 1899, forty males and twenty-two females in the almshouse, their period of maintenance aggregating 13,409 days, at a total cost of \$3,067.27, or an approximate cost of 23 cents per day.

**The Y. M. C. A.**—On the second and third floors of the Standard Building, at the corner of Main, Port Watson, and Tompkins streets, are located the rooms now occupied by the Cortland Young Men's Christian association. On March 17, 1868, a work was begun in the association's name that was carried on under the policy often adopted by the supporters of the early organization. Rooms were secured in the Schermerhorn block, consisting of a parlor and a reading room, open evenings only. In May, 1888, the present association was incorporated under the laws of this state, and began a definite work for men by men under the leadership of Mr. A. C. Howe, who was the first general secretary. In October Mr. A. C. Howe left for further study, and has since done excellent work in the physical department for associations in New York city. W. A. Kling took up the work in the fall of '88, and succeeded in bringing the association into general favor with the townspeople, and enlisted the largest number of members ever secured. Early in '91 Mr. Kling accepted a call to Colorado, where he built up the Pueblo association. He is now the state secretary of Ohio, with general supervision of the entire state. Mr. F. A. Ingraham took up the work Mr. Kling had left here, and did heroic work in carrying the association through financial difficulties. Ill-health laid Mr. Ingraham aside from active work for a time, but in '93 he became the general secretary of the Watertown association, where he remained until he entered the ministry in '98. Mr. J. H. Osterhout was called to succeed Mr. Ingraham, and faithfully served until his call to Catskill, in October, '96. His successor, F. K. Armstrong, has since served as general secretary. The rooms occupied by this organization are as well adapted for association work as rented rooms can be. The reading room and library is 25 x 65, with seven outside windows giving excellent lighting. There is annually over \$200 worth of first-class reading matter on the tables. Opening off the reading room is the recreation room, 24 x 32, with games of skill for the use of any who have a spare hour. A comfortable parlor, furnished by the auxiliary, completes the association's rooms on the second floor. In the fall of '89 John W. Plant, now on



Harris, Photo.

ROBERT PURVIS' RESIDENCE.

the staff of the House of the Good Shepherd at Syracuse, gave the first instruction in the physical department, and turned out a winning team at the Central New York Y. M. C. A. meet held at Ithaca the following spring. Excellent class work marked the record of Dr. Plant's successors: Mr. W. J. Helmer, now of Lorain, Ohio; Mr. Haskell, of Utica; Mr. F. W. Higgins, of Watertown; Mr. A. B. Wraught, now of Meridan, Ct., who carried on the work until the coming in '98 of the present instructor, Mr. A. R. Mosher, of Oberlin college. With Mr. Mosher's coming new energy was infused in all branches of gymnasium work. Victorious teams represented the Y. M. C. A. in base ball, foot ball, basket ball, hand ball, and in relay races. Field days are held early in the summer, with a creditable showing in some twenty events. A bicycle club, a camera club, a summer camp for the boys are now permanent features of the work. On the third floor, in a space 43 x 90, are located the gymnasium, bath rooms, dressing rooms and physical director's office. Starting in '89 with less than 500 square feet of floor space, the present gymnasium covers over 2,800 square feet. The floor is of best Georgia pine, entirely free from posts and all obstructions, and is as well adapted for association work as any in the state. The remodeling has just been completed at a cost of \$600. With this valuable adjunct a larger membership and an era of increasing prosperity is confidently expected, resulting in making a permanent, suitable home for the association, a positive necessity in the near future. The work is planned to be carried on along all the lines of approved association policy, and is under the able management of the following fifteen active members, who, with the village pastors, comprise the governing board of directors: Prof. J. E. Banta, president; O. A. Kinney, vice-president; A. B. Nelson, treasurer; W. Kelley, recording secretary; Dr. F. W. Higgins, B. L. Webb, T. H. Wickwire, J. W. Keese, W. H. Newton, M. B. Filzinger, Dr. F. D. Reese, E. D. Blodgett, Dr. F. J. Cheney, Prof. W. A. Cornish, D. Wesson, executive committee; F. K. Armstrong, general secretary; A. R. Mosher, physical director.



Hyatt, Photo. F. D. REESE, M. D. [See sk., P. 164.

**Robert Purvis** came to the county of Cortland in 1830, when he was about five years old. His father located on a farm in Harford, where he died in 1863, and on which Mr. Purvis lived for fifty-seven years. After the death of his father he continued to work and improve the farm, engaging largely in raising cattle and sheep, and some years later he became one of the pioneers of Cortland county in raising potatoes, devoting considerable acreage to that purpose. During the period of a half century in which he engaged in farming, he acquired additional lands, so that with a nucleus of 154 acres to begin with he has increased his farm holdings to a total of nearly 750 acres. Mr. Purvis was one of the original stockholders in The First National bank, and is at present one of the

directors, a position he has held in that institution for the past thirty years. He is also a director in the Ten Counties Insurance Co., with which he has been identified many years. For the past twelve years he has invested largely in railroad stocks, with considerable profit to himself. In 1887 he located in Cortland, not afterwards engaging in any active business pursuits, but devoting all of his time to the care of his farming interests. Mr. Purvis was born in the town of Exeter, Otsego county, October 20, 1825, on the farm where his father first located upon coming to this county. While a resident of Harford he served as supervisor, town school superintendent, commissioner of highways and inspector of elections. In 1881



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DR. F. D. REESE'S RESIDENCE.



Hyatt, Photo. THEODORE STEVENSON.

he was married to Jennie M., the daughter of Nathaniel Bouton, Jr., of Marathon, who was born in Marathon in 1842. Mr. Purvis' father, Andrew Purvis, was born in Scotland, and came to America in 1809. In 1812 he married Nancy Hale in Attleboro, Mass., where he carried on a weaving establishment. In 1822 he moved to Exeter, Otsego county, and in 1830 to Harford, Cortland county. Mr. Robert Purvis is the only one of their seven children who is living.

**Frank DeWitt Reese, M. D.**, whose office and residence are at 16 Tompkins street, was born at Sherburne, Chenango county, N. Y., July 8, 1858, and moved with his parents to Earlville in 1865. In 1873 he entered the Hamilton public schools, but in 1877 circumstances found him the sole support of the family, and the same year he moved to Sherburne and for a time carried on a small farm. In 1879 he removed to Waterville, where he engaged in business successfully. This was only the means to an end, for he had fully decided to study medicine. He employed private tutors, also studied in the office of Dr. Geo. Allen preparatory to entering a medical college. In 1882 he entered the Long Island College hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., from which, three years later—June 3, 1885—he took his degree in medicine. During his last year in the college he was appointed an assistant to the professors in the clinics, in operative surgery and gynecology. He also took a special practical course in physical diagnosis with Profs. Armour and West

in the wards of the Long Island hospital. In August, 1885, Dr. Reese came to Cortland and opened an office in the Squires building, where he remained five years. In 1889 he purchased a vacant lot of C. E. Rowley, and a year later erected a pleasant residence, his present home. Since beginning active practice Dr. Reese has taken post-graduate work in the New York Post-Graduate Medical school, attending in 1893, '97 and '99, keeping abreast of the latest discoveries in medical science. He is an active and deeply interested member of the Cortland County Medical society, of which he was president from June, '90 to '91, and is now their delegate to the New York State Medical society. Dr. Reese is a member of the surgical staff of the Cortland hospital. He is also a member of the New York State Medical association, and was elected vice-president from this district in October, 1898, and served as president of the Third District branch until November, 1899. He is one of the constituent members of the Cortland Science club.

**Theodore Stevenson** was born in the city of Troy, N. Y. At an early age he came to Cortland and began soliciting fire insurance. Four months later he established an agency, locating in an office with Judge Crandall over The First National bank. In 1876 he moved into his present office, No. 22½ Main street. He represented the Phoenix Mutual Life, the Five Farm Builders and the Westchester Fire Insurance companies, the latter with which he has ever since been identified. In 1884 he took the Equitable Life, with which company he has since continued, and in which he has written an aggregate of over a million dollars. Through this agency over two hundred thousand dollars in losses has been paid. He soon added the accident branch of the Etina Life Insurance company. He now also represents the Frankfort-American Insurance company, one of the strongest writing boiler and employers' liability insurance, and doubly so by having the old "Frankfort" of Germany as a backer. In 1880 he erected a neat two-story dwelling house on Groton avenue, and the follow-



Harris, Photo.

THEODORE STEVENSON'S RESIDENCE.

ing year a fine three-story mansard roof dwelling on Church street for his family residence. This was supplied with all the modern improvements, also being the first house in Cortland furnished with steam heating. He also purchased a lot on Clinton avenue, on which he erected three Chautauqua cottages and two large double houses. In 1882 he purchased a tract of village land and laid out the following streets: Hubbard, Garfield, Pomeroy, Crandall, Franklin and Excelsior; also extending Elm street from Pomeroy to River street. He built four houses, three of them double, on Hubbard street; two large four-gable double houses on Elm street; three houses of twenty-two rooms each on Pomeroy street, one on Crandall street, the three-story building, 40 x 100 feet in dimensions, with large wing in rear, for the Excelsior Top Co., and parallel to the latter; in 1883, a three-story block, 75 x 225 feet, all set in solid mason work foundations and constructed in the most substantial manner, occupied by the Howe Stove Co., of which he was the president. In 1887, on the opposite side of Elm street, he contracted to erect a three-story brick and frame building, 150 x 200 feet, for the Carriage Top and Rail Co., of which he was president for five years. Later he laid out Stevenson street, extending from Groton avenue to Prospect street, over the hill. During the eighties he served as a village trustee, and was president of the Cortland Desk Co. In 1889 he erected a brick block 50 x 72 feet, known as the "Stevenson Block." Up to 1890 Mr. Stevenson had erected ninety-nine buildings, not including the three factories and block mentioned above.

**Dr. Charles Depew Vernoooy** was born in Ulster County, N. Y., February 16, 1868, and received his early education in the public schools. After attending the Normal school in 1885 he taught school four years in Ulster county, after which he entered the University of Syracuse, College of Medicine, conducting his studies there from 1889 to 1892. He graduated with honors in June, 1892, securing second prize in class honors and study. In July, '92, he first located for the prac-



Butler, Photo. C. D. VERNOOY, M. D.

tice of medicine in Enfield, Tompkins county, and soon grew into a large and extensive practice. There he remained until 1898, when he came to this village and located on Port Watson street. November 3, 1892, he married Miss Mary L. Anderson of Seneca Co., by whom were three children, Lester Carlton, Helen Elizabeth and Stewart Anderson Vernoooy. Since his residence here Dr. Vernoooy has built for himself an enviable practice and is considered a practitioner of ability among the medical fraternity. He is a member of the Cortland County Medical Society and also a member of the Masonic lodge.

**Sheriffs.**—Asahel Miner, April 8, 1808; William Mallory, June 9, 1808; Joshua Ballard, April 3, 1810; Billy Trowbridge, March 25, 1814; William Stewart, March 2, 1815; Noah R. Smith, Feb. 13, 1819; Moses Hopkins, Feb. 12, 1821; David Cloye, 1822; Adin Webb, 1828; Wm. Andrews, 1831; Gilmore Kinney, 1834; E. W. Edgcomb, 1837; Alanson Carley, 1840; Christian Etz, 1843; Geo. Ross, 1846; J. C. Pomeroy, 1849; Frederick Ives, 1852; John S. Samson, 1855; Silas Baldwin, 1858; Frederick Ives, 1861; N. H. Haynes, 1864; Isaac W. Brown, 1867; John D. Benton, 1870; N. H. Haynes, 1874; Harlow G. Borthwick, 1877; Gerret S. Van Hoesen, 1880; H. G. Borthwick, 1883; Gerret S. Van Hoesen, 1886; Harlow G. Borthwick, 1889; John Miller, 1892; Adam Hilsinger, 1895; Arthur E. Brainard, 1898.



Butler, Photo.

DR. C. D. VERNOOY'S RESIDENCE.

Warren, Tanner & Co. took possession of the large double store in the Hopkins block—their present quarters—in April, 1892. This enterprise dates back to some time before or during the sixties, when the proprietors were Wells & Mills, who were located in the building owned by Geo. N. Copeland and James A. Schermerhorn at the time that Mr. George L. Warren came into the firm. This was about 1869. G. N. Copeland & Co. were then doing business in the store now occupied by C. F. Brown, and Wells & Mills were in the adjacent store on the north. In March, 1872, Mr. J. E. Tanner purchased the interest of Mr. Mills and the firm of Mills & Warren was changed to that of Warren & Tanner. In 1880, when the Schermerhorn block was completed, the firm moved into the new building, occupying the first store north of their old quarters. Mr. E. L. Pierce, the third member of the firm of Warren, Tanner & Co., who was at the time a clerk in the store, was admitted as a partner in February, 1889. The business was of course considerably enlarged when it was moved into the Hopkins block, where twice as much floor space was secured, giving a double store, 50 x 90 feet, with a basement of the same dimensions. The business comprises every line of goods included in a general dry goods trade with ample space for window and counter display, and a broad double entrance. There are also included everything in carpets, rugs and tapestries, ladies' and children's wear and gentlemen's furnishing goods. The attention given to customers by a large corps of courteous and obliging clerks is greatly facilitated by the use of the cash carrier system. The store is well lighted, ventilated and heated. In the basement are displayed the cheaper line of carpets, also matings, rugs, curtains and oil cloths as well as duplicates of the stock in the store overhead. Mr. George L. Warren was born in McGrawville, Feb. 3, 1839. After attending the old Central New York college at that place he (in 1859) entered upon a clerkship of two years in the general store of P. H. McGraw & Co. He was then a bookkeeper in James S. Squires' store in Cortland until he enlisted in the



Hyatt, Photos. E. L. PIERCE. G. L. WARREN. J. E. TANNER.

157th New York Volunteers, Aug. 21, 1862, as private, serving with his company and regiment until mustered out Aug. 1, 1865, and obtaining, successively by promotion, the rank of second and first lieutenants and finally captain. From May to September, 1863, he served, in detached service, on the staff of Gen. Schimmelpfening in the Army of the Potomac through the engagements at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, afterwards being with his regiment in the department of the South, at Folly Island, the siege of Charleston, Fort Wagner, in a Florida campaign; in 1864 at Hilton Head, S. C., and in the fight on James Island. He was later assigned to the staff of Gen. Gilmour and afterwards on duty in the commissary department at Fort Pulaski, Ga., and was present at the raising of the old flag over Sumter. After his discharge from service in Syracuse he returned to Cortland and for two years and a half was bookkeeper and teller in the First National bank. In 1875 he was married to Miss Mary Stevens of Cortland. He is a 32nd degree Mason and has held most of the offices in the local organizations of that fraternity. He has one daugh-



Hyatt, Photo.

INTERIOR OF WARREN, TANNER & CO.'S STORE.

ter, Mrs. J. W. Angell. Mr. James E. Tanner was born at Blodgett Mills, May 30, 1841, and was educated in the common schools and the old Cortland academy. His father was a wool carder and cloth dresser. When sixteen years old Mr. J. E. Tanner became a clerk with Edwin and Lucius Darby at Greene, Chenango county, where he remained two years, then came to Cortland and entered the business of G. N. Copeland & Co., as the representative of Mr. James A. Schermerhorn's interests. A few years later he bought out the interest of LeRoy Cole and became an active partner, selling out, however, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the H. J. Messenger bank, where he was employed two years. At one time he owned a half interest in the Cornelius Kinney tannery at Port Watson. He was married to Sophronia A., the daughter of G. N. Copeland, March 13, 1866, and they have one daughter, K. Louise Tanner. He is an active member of the First Baptist church.

**County Clerks.**—John Ballard, April 8, 1808; Reuben Washburn, April 3, 1810; John Ballard, March 4, 1811; Mead Merrill, April 2, 1813; Wm. Mallory, March 2, 1815; Joshua Ballard, July 7, 1819; Matthias Cook, Feb. 14, 1821; Samuel Hotchkiss, 1822; Orin Stimpson, 1834; Gideon C. Babcock, 1840; Samuel Hotchkiss, jr., 1843; Rufus A. Reed, 1849; Allis W. Ogden, 1858; DeWitt C. McGraw, 1861; Frank Place, 1867; W. S. Maycumber, 1876; Howard J. Harrington, 1879; R. W. Bourne, 1882; Wm. H. Morgan, 1885; Hubert T. Bushnell, 1888; Stephen K. Jones, 1891; Ephraim C. Palmer, 1894; Hubert T. Bushnell, 1897.



Hyatt, Photo. CLARENCE TIFT.

**Clarence Tift**, the barber at No. 84 Railroad street, opened the shop on July 8, 1899, where he began business in a small way. By attention to the wants of his customers, giving them excellent service, he has steadily increased his patronage until in the course of six months he has business enough to keep him constantly busy. In the meantime he has from time to time increased the conveniences in the shop until it is one of the best in the trade in town. Mr. Tift, born in Millville, Rensselaer county, Aug. 16, 1874, began at the trade in the shop of his brother, Eugene Tift, at Little Falls, where he learned the trade, and afterwards worked in some of the best shops in New York and Albany.

#### COUNTY DIRECTORY, 1900.

Member of Assembly—Geo. S. Sands, Cortland, N. Y.

County Judge and Surrogate—Joseph E. Eggleston, Cortland, N. Y.

Surrogate's Clerk—H. L. De Clercq, Cortland, N. Y.

District Attorney—Edwin Duffey, Cortland, N. Y.

Sheriff—Arthur E. Brainard, Cortland, N. Y.

Under Sheriff—Frank M. Hazard, Scott, N. Y.

County Clerk—Hubert T. Bushnell, Cortland, N. Y.

Deputy County Clerk—Stephen K. Jones, Cortland, N. Y.

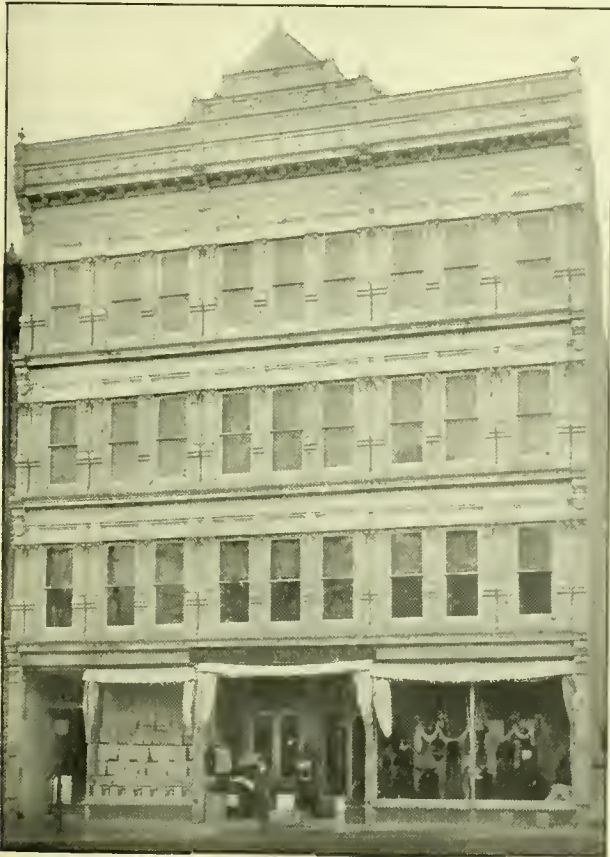
County Treasurer—William H. Foster, Homer, N. Y.

Superintendent of the Poor—Mills G. Frisbie, Homer, N. Y.

School Commissioners—Luke J. McEvoy, Cortland, N. Y.; Katherine E. Cobb, Homer, N. Y.

Coroners—Marion R. Smith, McGrawville, N. Y.; William J. Moore, Cortland, N. Y.; John E. Leonard, Harford, N. Y.; Frank H. Green, Homer, N. Y.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—A. W. Babcock, Scott, N. Y.



Harris, Photo. WARREN, TANNER & CO.'S STORE.



Butler, Photo. M. B. FILZINGER.

**M. B. Filzinger**, the candy merchant, is located at 14 North Main street, to which place he moved from 23 $\frac{1}{4}$  North Main street in 1895. Mr. Filzinger was born at South Danby, Tompkins county, March 18, 1875, and came to Cortland in 1882, where he attended the Normal school. Upon leaving school he worked for Cobb & Perkins, staying with that firm seven years, and there learned the trade of candy making. Before finally locating here he worked at his trade for six months in Jamestown. Mr. Filzinger carries a full line of choice candies and has connected with his store a milk depot disposing of the entire product of a dairy farm. He has installed a separator for separating the cream he uses and also makes a fine line of fancy butter. He has for the trade buttermilk, sweet milk and sweet cream. In the manufacture of ice cream, in which he does a large business, he uses only sweet cream. He furnishes a large amount of cream to parties and social gatherings, and for soda fountains.

**County Calendar, 1900.**—GENERAL: Assessment rolls complete, Aug. 1; Assessors meet to hear complaints, Aug. 21; Assessment rolls for public inspection, Sept. 1-15; Town board designates polling places, Sept. 4; Election notices delivered to town clerks, Sept. 1; General election, Nov. 6; Town board meets to audit accounts, Nov. 8; Board of Supervisors meet in annual session, Nov. 12; Board of Supervisors meet as board of canvassers, Nov. 13; Accounts to be presented to the Board of Supervisors,

not later than Nov. 15; Erroneous assessments, claims, to be presented to Board of Supervisors, not later than Nov. 15. SUPREME COURT, trial and special term: Jan. 29, Sewell, p. j.; May 7, Forbes, p. j.; Oct. 15, Lyon, p. j. COUNTY COURT: Jury term, March 19, Sept. 17, Dec. 10; Law term, July 10.

#### Regents of the State [Appointed for Life]—

Officers: Anson Judd Upson, Glens Falls, app. Feb. 11, 1874, chancellor; William Croswell Doane, Albany, app. Feb. 10, 1892, vice-chancellor. Regents: Martin I. Townsend, Troy, April 24, 1873; Chauncey M. Depew, New York, Jan. 31, 1877; Charles E. Fitch, Rochester, Jan. 31, 1877; Orris H. Warren, Buffalo, April 11, 1878; Whitelaw Reid, New York, Jan. 17, 1878; William H. Watson, Utica, Feb. 2, 1881; Henry E. Turner, Lowville, Feb. 2, 1881; St. Clair McKelway, Brooklyn, Jan. 10, 1883; Hamilton Harris, Albany, March 18, 1885; Daniel Beach, Watkins, March 18, 1885; Carroll E. Smith, Syracuse, Jan. 24, 1888; Pliny T. Sexton, Palmyra, April 15, 1890; T. Guilford Smith, Buffalo, April 15, 1890; Lewis A. Stimson, New York, April 10, 1893; Sylvester Malone, Brooklyn, March 29, 1894; Albert Vander Veer, Albany, Feb. 13, 1895; Chester S. Lord, Brooklyn, Jan. 20, 1897; Members ex-officio: Governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction.

**Death Penalty.**—The first capital punishment inflicted in Cortland county secured as its victim Patrick O'Donohue, who murdered Mrs. Jane Ann Kinney of Truxton. He was hung in the court house in Cortland on Sept. 2, 1853, just one year to a day after the crime was committed. Kinney was led to believe that Mrs. Kinney was harboring his daughter Elizabeth, ten years old. Mrs. Kinney and her daughter was passing O'Donohue's house when he fired upon them, wounding the elder lady. Then he reversed his gun and clubbed her to death. O'Donohue gave himself up to the authorities and was tried in the following July. On August 3 the jury rendered the verdict, which doomed him to die. Schuyler Crippen was the presiding judge. R. Holland Duell, district attorney, was assisted in the prosecution by General Nye.



Harris, Photo. INTERIOR OF M. B. FILZINGER'S STORE.

**George H. Ames** commenced his career in the boot and shoe business in the Democrat building on Railroad street in 1891 and continued there until Feb. 17, 1893, when he removed to the corner of Railroad and Main streets where he stayed until April 1, 1899, when he occupied his present location at 51 Main street. Mr. Ames has had remarkable success in his business. He was born on a farm in Broome county, May 7, 1860, and remained there acquiring his education at Whitney's Point academy. After leaving school he spent one year in Utah with an engineering corps and on his return clerked in a store at Whitney's Point, being four years with Birdsall & King. He then came to Cortland and was employed in the store of F. N. Harrington & Co., where he stayed for four years when he went out with another engineering corps, this time going to Old Mexico where he was occupied in active field service in the construction and location of railroads for three years. He is a member of the John L. Lewis lodge, No. 587, I. O. O. F., and the Cortland Encampment and Canton Cortland. February 10, 1891, he married Miss Rose H. Johnson of Speedsville, N. Y., and they have three children, Robert Johnson Ames, born April 26, 1893; George Chester, born Jan. 14, 1895, and Frederick Willard, born Feb. 1, 1898. Mr. Ames is one of Cortland's most progressive citizens and has earned for himself the respect and esteem of all.

**Shepard W. Cately** was one of the pioneer carriage and wagon makers in this state, and an inventor of prominence in the trade. He obtained many patents and many of his inventions were patented by others. Resourceful in skill and conception, he was constantly perfecting improvements, many of which were used without the protection of the patent office. He was also a thorough, practical machinist, who could correct a disordered piece of machinery anywhere. Many of the leading wagon manufacturers of this state were at one time employed in his shops at Tully, where for twenty-eight years he carried on wagon manufacturing on what was then a large scale. From there the best known builders were scattered far and wide, and their shops to-day stand among the largest in the world. Mr. Cately was born in



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G. H. AMES.

the town of Preble, Cortland county, March 24, 1815. His education was obtained in the district schools of Preble and the Truxton academy. Then he taught district school in Cortland and Onondaga counties, and was inspector of schools both at Tully and Brookfield, Oneida county. In the meantime he studied for the law until ill-health forced him to give it up; and then he went into the wagon-making shop of his brother-in-law, the late John DeLancey Denison, at Brookfield, and a short time after (in 1837) the two entered into co-partnership to carry on wagon-making under the firm name of Denison & Cately. The latter was the general salesman of the firm, but his mechanical genius was ever busy, and the business reaped the fruit thereof in many handy improvements which he made in vehicles from time to time.

Their business was the manufacture and sale of wagons, carriages and sleighs; and at that time it embraced the making of all of the several parts of a vehicle by hand and in the same plant. The buggies of that time were as heavy as the platform wagon of to-day, and had wooden axletrees and wrought iron skeins and linch pins. Elliptic springs were just coming in to use. All the iron work was forged out of Swedish bars. Thus was ushered in a new era in wagon-making which, during the time of Mr. Cately, completely revolutionized the trade. Denison & Cately were extensive dealers in carriage and draft horses, the matching, training and marketing of which was the special care of Mr. Cately, who during his



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G. H. AMES' STORE.



Hyatt. Photo. S. W. CATELY. [See sk., P. 169.]

early life developed remarkable fondness for fine horses and excellent judgment as to their qualities. In 1848 the works were moved to Tully, it being the conviction of Mr. Cately that better railroad facilities were needed. There they expanded and kept abreast with improvement, until finally they had a reputation second to none in the country. When the war of '61-'5 broke out Mr. Cately went to Washington and secured the contract for the construction of sixty wagons for the government for army train service, which were to be made and delivered in New York in sixty days. It was a big undertaking, but all of the mechanics that could be found were kept at work early and late, and the contract was fulfilled to the letter. Mr. Cately also furnished the government with large numbers of horses which he purchased in this state and Canada. In 1876 he stopped manufacturing and came to Cortland as a salesman for Fitzgerald & Kinney, wagon manufacturers. This position he held for years, later acting as salesman in another branch of the business for Mitchell & Lewis of Racine, Wis. Advancing years and poor health finally compelled him to retire from active physical labor, but he continued to exercise his inventive ingenuity, with the result that he perfected and patented after his retirement from the position of salesman eleven different inventions on vehicle attachments. In company with his daughter, Mrs. Alice M. Ettling, he turned his attention to getting his inventions into general use, father and daughter forming a co-partnership and together carrying on the manufacture of carriage specialties, notably the buggy prop spring and lever, until his death, which occurred at his home in Cortland, Dec. 18, 1898, in his 84th year. "Of Mr. Cately's long and busy sojourn in Brookfield," writes an old acquaintance, "it is highly proper to say that, notwithstanding the varied and exacting duties of his business, he still found time to bestow proper attention on social and society matters, and by his ease of manner and constancy became a favorite, if not a leader therein. He was also a born reformer, and when anti-slavery truths began to find utterance with thinking and progressive men, he was among the first in his com-

munity to espouse the then unpopular cause, thus ranking as a pioneer in moral reform as well as in his chosen business. His zeal and firmness as an Abolitionist in local work and in liberal contributions to the cause were well known and highly appreciated by leaders in the great moral revolution whose ultimate success he survived to witness." It may be added that his home was always open to the colored champions of their own race, who in those stirring times came north to plead the cause of their brethren.

**Mrs. Alice M. Ettling**, the proprietor of the patents known as the Cately Carriage Attachments, which she became interested in manufacturing and promoting in 1888, has been the only lady exhibitor for the past ten years at the annual conventions of The Carriage Builders' National association as well as at those of the Dealers' association as long as the latter have been meeting in annual gatherings. Mrs. Ettling is very widely and favorably known in the carriage trade of this country as an active, shrewd and enterprising business woman who took up her father's inventions, furnished the capital for perfecting and manufacturing them and personally placed them on the market. By reason of the energy and business tact which she displayed in exhibiting these inventions she succeeded in getting the two principal ones, the buggy prop spring and the lever by which buggy tops are raised and lowered into the hands of the builders so that they are in use all over the world. Her first success was at the Toronto exposition in 1889 where she leased the Canada patent on the buggy prop spring and in 1893 she was rewarded at the World's fair with a medal and diploma on both of those patents, also receiving a special diploma as a reward of merit by the lady board of managers to S. W. Cately as inventor and Alice M. Ettling for making a success of the exhibit. Many of the largest manufacturers in the country are adopting these attachments which have become standard articles in the manufacture of carriage tops.



Hyatt. Photo. MRS. ALICE M. ETTLING.

**The Prudential Life** agency was established in Cortland in 1889. Geo. Charron, the present manager of the local office, took possession June 20, 1898, succeeding E. F. Coe. Mr. Charron came here from Syracuse, having received the appointment of assistant superintendent and manager of the Cortland office, Cortland being a branch of the Syracuse district, taking in Cortland and vicinity. The Prudential has a large number of policies issued through this office in force at the present time, and the business has increased from year to year, until it has become known as one of the sound and substantial business ventures of Cortland. The company's plans enter the homes of the people in all walks of life, there being the Industrial, which insures all healthy lives from two years to seventy years of age, and the Ordinary, which issues policies on lives from twenty to sixty years of age for \$500 to \$100,000. There has been a very large increase in this branch, which to-day controls quite a large percentage of the ordinary insurance in Cortland. The company enjoys the confidence of the people, being always just and upright in its dealings with the public. Geo. Charron was born in Cohoes, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1867, and was employed as a mill operator until July, 1889, when he entered the service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the Troy district. He was transferred to Auburn, N. Y., in 1892, and was made an acting superintendent. He was sent to Geneva in 1895, and resigned in 1896. He afterwards accepted a similar position with the Western and Southern Life at Dayton, Ohio, which he also resigned. He took charge of a Prudential agency in Syracuse Sept. 14, 1896, and was promoted to assistant superintendent Jan. 1, 1897. He married Miss Elizabeth Hickey of Aurora, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1898. Wm. Kennedy, one of the local agents for this company, was born in Cortland, June 20, 1863, and received his education at the Normal school. At the age of 15 years he entered the employ of the



Geo. Charron. THE PRUDENTIAL STAFF. T. E. Kennedy.  
Wm. Kennedy. (Hyatt and Harris Photos.) Evan Evans.

D., L. & W. railroad, where he remained four years. For two years he was employed as an engineer for the Cortland Wagon Co. and Hayes Chair Co. He served as orderly at the state capitol at Albany under Gov. Cleveland in 1883, '84 and '85, and occupied the place of assistant postmaster under Jas. F. Maybury from 1886 to 1890, inclusive. On May

last entered the local office of the Prudential company, and has conducted the business for the village of Cortland; also a fire insurance agency, Empire Hall block, over 26 Main st. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, and an exempt and honorary member of the Emerald Hose Co. Evan Evans, another well known agent for this company, was born in Bricon, South Wales, July 24, 1862, and came to this country June 4, 1886, when he entered a grocery at Waterville, N. Y., as clerk. He worked three years for W. C. Stiles & Co., chair fitting factory at Warren, Ohio, and went from there to the Pacific coast. He spent the years from 1889 to '91 in California;



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MRS. ALICE M. ETTLING'S RESIDENCE.



Hyatt, Photo. J. B. KELLOGG.

was in Warren Co., 1891-'93, and spent 1896 in Waterville, N. Y. He came to Cortland in June, 1899. He married Miss Anna J. Jones of Erie-ville, Madison county, June 29, 1898. Thomas E. Kennedy, the third local agent, was born in Cortland, May 22, 1871, and worked for the Wickwire Bros. for fourteen years. He afterward entered the grocery store of D. L. Warden, and after a year became a partner and purchased Mr. Warden's interests upon his retirement from the firm. In May, 1898, he entered the employ of the Prudential company, and has never regretted this step. He married Miss Carrie E. Ryan, June 13, 1894. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and also a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association.

**J. B. Kellogg** bought out the interest of S. E. Curtis in the dry goods business of Kellogg & Curtis, March 1, 1898. This firm succeeded F. N. Chapin in 1889, and at that time and ever since the business has been conducted in the same place, the large store over the portals of which hangs Mr. Kellogg's sign. While the business is that of a general line of dry goods, Mr. Kellogg's specialties are dress goods, table linen, hosiery and a large line of domestics. An active and obliging corps of clerks attend promptly to the wants of the patrons. The main floor is 24 x 120 feet. The second floor over the adjacent store, with an opening into Mr. Kellogg's store, is wholly occupied by him. The second story front is devoted to ladies' cloaks and jackets and tailor-made suits, while the middle room is occu-

pied with a stock of linoleums and oilcloths, and the rear with carpets, draperies and mattings. On the second floor, directly over the store, are the window shades and hosiery department and the surplus stock room. The basement is used for underwear, cotton batting, carpet warp, etc. Mr. Kellogg was born in the town of Taylor, Cortland county, Dec. 12, 1849, and was a pupil in the Cincinnati academy. On March 1, 1870, he was married to Rosa Dell Gladding, and on June 1, 1871, they moved to Kansas, where Mr. Kellogg took up a claim and followed agriculture until 1874, when he returned to Taylor and in company with Albert Clark went into mercantile pursuit, the two opening a general store under the firm name of Kellogg & Clark. In the spring of 1884 they sold out, and at the election in the fall of that year Mr. Kellogg was elected county treasurer for the term of three years, beginning Jan. 1, 1885. He moved to Cortland and engaged as a clerk with Rockwell Bros., who were then in the dry goods business in Mr. Kellogg's present store, making that place the county treasurer's office. At the end of his term he spent a year as treasurer of the Cortland Corset Co., and the following year as their traveling salesman. He severed his connection with that company to go into business with Mr. Curtis. Mr. Kellogg is an active Republican, and devotes some of his time in helping his party at the polls. While a resident of Taylor he served as town clerk and collector for several years. He is a member of the Methodist church.

**Normal Schools of the State.**—Albany, opened 1844, William J. Milne, president; Oswego, 1863, I. B. Poucher, principal; Brockport, 1867, D. Eugene Smith; Fredonia, 1868, Francis B. Palmer; Cortland, 1869, Francis J. Cheney; Potsdam, 1869, Thomas B. Stowell; Buffalo, 1871, James M. Cassey; Geneseo, 1871, John M. Milne; New Paltz, 1886, Frank S. Capen; Oneonta, 1889, Percy L. Bughee; Plattsburg, 1890, G. K. Hawkins; Jamaica, 1897, A. C. McLachlan.



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J. B. KELLOGG'S RESIDENCE.

**Courts** in this country at the time the county came into existence were Common Pleas, Chancery, Court of Probate, Court for the Trial of Impeachments and the Correction of Errors and others long since abolished or merged in those of the present day. The constitution of 1846 divided the latter, creating a Court of Appeals, which was reorganized by the convention of 1867-8, making it the court of the highest resort to-day. In 1870 and continuing to 1875 was the Commission of Appeals, with which was connected Judge Gray, a member of the Cortland bar. At the time the history of Cortland county began the Supreme Court of this state consisted of five justices, who held four terms a year, two in Albany and two in New York. Just



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INTERIOR OF J. B. KELLOGG'S STORE.

before the separation of Cortland and Onondaga counties the state was divided into four districts, but after the constitution of 1821, the present numerical division, eight districts went into effect. In 1846 the new constitution abolished the Court of Chancery, giving its powers to the Supreme Court. During the eighteenth century the Court of Common Pleas consisted of a first judge, assisted by two or more associates, all appointed by the governor. The constitution of 1846 abolished this court and created the County Court and Court of Sessions. The office of Surrogate was separate from that of county judge until the adoption of the constitution of 1846 which united them in this and other counties of the state where the population did not exceed 40,000. Until 1823, appeals from judgments of the surrogates lay with the Court of Pro-

bate. The list of judges of the Court of Common Pleas followed by those of the County Court and Surrogates, in this county, are found on page 136. The constitution of 1894 elevated the Supreme Court in rank and created the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, thus relieving the Court of Appeals of a large volume of work, the new court being required to deal with questions of fact and the Court of Appeals being confined to questions of law. Cortland is in the Sixth Judicial district of which the Supreme Court justices are: Charles Parker, Oswego, term expires (Dec. 31) 1901; David L. Follett, Norwich, 1902; Burr Mattice, Oneonta, 1905; Gerrett A. Forbes, Canastota, 1901; Walter L. Smith, Elmira, 1902; George F. Lyon, Binghamton, 1909.

#### Birth of Republican Party, Cortland.—The

call for its organization in Cortland Co. was issued July 20, 1855, and resulted in a meeting in the court house August 15. "Those electors of the county of Cortland who are opposed to extension of slavery over the territory of the United States," read the call, "and to the reception into the Union or annexation of states, territories or countries where slavery already exists, and are in favor of forming a new party for the defence of freedom against the encroachments of the slave power, are requested to meet in convention," etc. At the first general election following the party elected, among others, P. H. McGraw, state senator, R. H. Duell, member of congress, J. H. McVean, member of assembly, and Geo. B. Jones, district attorney.



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INTERIOR J. B. KELLOGG'S CLOAK DEPARTMENT.



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GEORGE J. MAGER'S RESIDENCE.

The **Second National Bank** of Cortland was organized in 1882, opening its doors for business in what is now the Brunswick Hotel building on December 4 of that year, and continuing in that place until Jan. 1, 1886. Messrs. Fitz Boynton and J. S. Bull were the two who were most prominent in organizing the bank. The first officers elected were: Fitz Boynton, president; L. J. Fitzgerald, vice-president; J. Seaman Bull, cashier. The rest of the directors were: Geo. W. Bliss, Harrison Wells, Emmet A. Fish, Henry F. Benton, Geo. C. Hubbard, James R. Schermerhorn, William B. Stoppard, John D. Schermerhorn, M. Stanley Bierce, Benjamin L. Webb, David F. Wallace, Marcus H. McGraw. Of this list only three are members of the present board, Messrs. Benton, Fitzgerald and Fish. The present convenient quarters of the bank, which were opened to the public, as above stated, Jan. 1, 1886, were erected by the bank in 1885. The lot upon which the building stands, 54 x 150 feet, was purchased of the Hiram Crandall estate. The structure is very pretty and substantial, being three stories high, with mansard roof, and costing about \$30,000. The ground floor is occupied by the bank and M. A. Case's dry goods store, the second floor by offices, and the third floor lodge rooms. The capital was and is at present \$100,000. Mr. Hector Cowan succeeded Mr. Fitz Boynton as president in February, 1895, and in January, 1900, was succeeded by Mr. George J. Mager, the present incumbent. Mr. E. D. Barker took the position of cashier in January, 1885, Mr. Bull retiring. Mr. Barker was succeeded by Mr. Herbert L. Smith, the present cashier, in January, 1898. During February, 1895, this bank withstood a severe run of several days, meeting every obligation without closing its doors. Since that period it has steadily gained in strength and public confidence, and is each year increasing its business and adding substantial amounts to its surplus account. The following are the present officers and directors. They are among the wealthy and substantial business men of Cortland: George J. Mager, president; Emmet A. Fish, vice-president;

Herbert L. Smith, cashier; Henry A. Dickinson, attorney; Theodore Wickwire of Wickwire Bros.; Henry F. Benton, president of the Benton Lumber Co.; Hector Cowan, a retired capitalist; Ernest M. Hulbert, secretary of the Cortland Door and Window Screen Co.; Hon. J. E. Eggleston, county judge and surrogate; Edwin Duffey, district attorney; Hon. Lawrence J. Fitzgerald, president of the Cortland Wagon Co.; Curtis L. Kinney, president of the Cortland Forging Co., and George Fitts of McLean, N. Y.

Mr. Mager is by birth Alsacian-French, having been born near the city of Strasbourg, France, on May 8, 1837. He received a common school education in both French and German in his native town, and in 1852 came to America with his parents, brothers and sisters. They settled in Lewis county, in this state, where Mr. Mager assisted



Butler, Photo. J. B. KELLOGG'S CLERKS.

Key to Group (beginning at the top and running left to right)—Miss Anna Burns, Ralph Finch, W. H. Brown, Mrs. Mand Wood, Miss Anna Hoffman, Mrs. Nellie Butterfield, Mrs. Frankie Brown, Miss Maggie Hayes.

his father clearing land and farming. Subsequently he was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, and after working at that business for nearly four years was employed as clerk and bookkeeper in a dry goods store in Lowville, N. Y. In 1867 he started in the dry goods and grocery business under the firm name of Stoddard & Mager at Lowville, and in 1883 he came to Cortland and bought out Fish & Walrad. He immediately associated himself with Mr. C. P. Walrad and continued in the same line of business under the firm name of Mager & Walrad, subsequently Mager & Stoker, and later G. J. Mager & Co., until 1897, when he retired from mercantile pursuits. The interim between his retirement and elevation to the responsible position of president of the Second National Bank of Cortland, N. Y., was occupied by him in the settlement of the estate of the late Benton B. Jones. Mr. Mager is far advanced in Masonry, being a Royal Arch Mason and a Knights Templar. On March 5, 1867, he was married to Florilla B., (deceased) daughter of William Howell of Lowville, N. Y. He is interested in agricultural matters, being a life member of the New York State Agricultural society, and is a prominent member of the Episcopal church. Progressive and public-spirited, he has engaged in several public ventures, including the Cortland Opera House and the Cortland & Homer Railroad Co., and is a zealous supporter of liberal education, being a member of the Cortland Board of Education.

Herbert L. Smith, the cashier, was born in North Adams, Mass., Dec. 23, 1867, and in 1872 his parents located in Cortland. He was educated at the Cortland Normal school, and the day he left school, in January, 1886, he entered The Second National



HERBERT L. SMITH, Cashier. (Butler, Photos.) GEORGE J. MAGER, President.

bank as messenger. Since then he has been connected steadily with that institution, performing the several duties assigned him until made the cashier. In the meantime he had obtained a shareholders' interest and became a director at the time he was made cashier. In 1892 he started the Champion Milk Cooler Co., and in 1897 became sole proprietor of the business, which is in Railroad street. He was married to Adeline C., the daughter of A. H. Bennett, cashier of the Homer National bank, on Sept. 14, 1893. He is a member of the Tioughnioga and Science clubs.

**Early Turnpikes.**—The old state road was cut through Cortland county, crossing the towns of Willet, Marathon and Virgil, in 1794. It extended from Oxford, Chenango Co., to Ludlowville, Cayuga Co. In 1806 a road was opened from Cortland to Virgil to connect with the first named. Then a road was opened from Port Watson to Solon. In 1807 the Salina & Chenango Turnpike Co. was organized to build a road from Binghamton north. In 1811 a road was laid out from Manlius to Truxton. The Cortland & Seneca Turnpike Co. was incorporated in 1812 to build a road from Homer to Ithaca. The Fifth Great Western Turnpike Road Co. was incorporated in March, 1814, to run a road from Homer through Truxton into Locke, Cayuga Co. In April of the same year the Homer & Cayuga Turnpike Road Co. was incorporated to build from Homer through Cortland village to intersect with the Fifth Great Western Turnpike. In April, 1816, the Homer & Geneva Turnpike Co. was incorporated to run from Homer through Dryden to Genoa. In March, 1817, the Homer & Elbridge Turnpike Road Co. was incorporated to maintain a turnpike from Homer through Scott, Spafford



Harris, Photo. THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK.



MRS. W. W. BENNETT. G. W. BENNETT. W. W. BENNETT.  
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and Skauteales to Elbridge. In 1815 a turnpike from Homer through Cortland and Dryden to Ithaca was contemplated. A movement was started in 1816 for a road through Cincinnatus, Solon, Truxton, Fabius and Pompey, and in 1819 for a turnpike from Cortland through Virgil Corners and on to Owego. During the same year the Onondaga and Chenango Turnpike Co. was organized. In 1824 the Onondaga & Cortland Turnpike Co. was chartered. In the same year a road was designed from Canastota to Cincinnatus, and in 1825 from Camillus to Port Watson. The old Syracuse and Cortland stage road was constructed in 1849-'51, and the time of passenger coaches each way was six hours.

**W. W. Bennett** opened his present plumbing and heating stores at 37 and 39 Railroad street in September, 1895, and his business has steadily grown until to-day he is considered one of the leading business men of this village. Mr. Bennett was born in the town of Cortlandville March 24, 1865, and attended the McGrawville schools, afterwards taking a course at the Eastman Business college. He commenced his present line of business as a bookkeeper in 1890, and continued as such until he went into business for himself five years afterward. Besides his plumbing department he handles high grade heating ranges, stoves, furnaces and bicycles, and gives employment to a large number of men the year around, besides manufacturing a dairy specialty, which keep a number of skilled workmen in employment. Nov. 14, 1889, he married Agnes Ackerman of Chenango Forks, and one

son, Glenn W., was born to them in December, 1890. Mrs. Bennett died Aug. 29, 1897, and one year later he married his present wife, Mary D. Lovell of Cortland.

**Early Railroad Projects.**—The Salina & Port Watson Railroad Co. was incorporated in 1829, the charter permitting the propulsion of cars by steam or animal power. In the spring of 1836, agitation was revived to secure a railroad, resulting in the incorporation of the Syracuse, Cortland & Binghamton Railroad Co. The same year an incorporation was effected to construct a railroad between Cortland and Owego. It was not until the completion of the Syracuse & Binghamton railroad, opened for traffic Oct. 18, 1854, that anything was done in railroad construction in this county. Great enthusiasm was aroused in 1865 over the prospect of a Midland connection direct from Auburn. Four years later the Ithaca & Cortland Railroad Co. was formed and a road completed between those villages—now a part of the Lehigh Valley system—which was opened in 1872 and eventually extended to Elmira. A charter for the Utica, Chenango & Cortland Railroad Co., dated April 9, 1870, was obtained, intending

to operate a road to connect with the DeRuyter & Norwich branch of the old Midland (New York, Ontario & Western) railroad which was then operating but has since been abandoned. P. H. McGraw was the active spirit in that enterprise. Cortlandville voted to bond for \$150,000, Solon, \$44,000, Cincinnatus, \$45,500, and Taylor, \$20,000. Eighteen miles were graded and culverts and bridges constructed, but the company, by reason of difficulties of an unusual nature, and the panic of 1873-'4, was forced to suspend. Sixteen miles of the route is now occupied by the Erie & Central New York railroad.

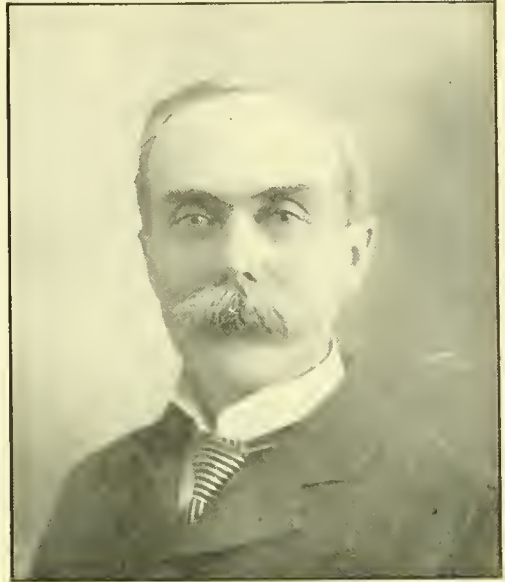
**Erection of Towns.**—Homer, March 5, 1794; Solon, March 9, 1798; Cincinnatus and Virgil, April 3, 1804; Preble and Truxton, April 8, 1808; Scott, April 14, 1815; Marathon, Freetown and Willett, April 21, 1818; Cortlandville, April 11, 1829; Lapeer and Harford, May 2, 1845; Taylor, December 5, 1849; Cuyler, November 18, 1858.



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W. W. BENNETT'S STORE.

**Hon. Franklin Pierce Saunders**, one of the most prominent of those engaged in the cattle business in this county, occupies a high standard among the people of this village. Besides a business man of marked ability, he is a factor in local politics and a man whose counsel is solicited when any question of importance comes up for the consideration of the public. He was born in Fabius, Onondaga county, Feb. 27, 1849, and educated at the De Ruyter and Cazenovia seminaries. Being of an inquiring nature, he pursued his studies after he left school and fully equipped himself for his fight against the world. He first engaged in the nursery business, and started his career with Smith & Powell in Syracuse, where he spent the years 1873 and '74. During the years 1875 and '76 he was with Elwanger & Barry of Mount Hope, Monroe county. During 1877-'9, inclusive, he dealt in nursery supplies on his own account, both jobbing and retailing, and largely extended his field of trade by sending out several agents. In the meantime he purchased a large tract of woodland in Solon, and in January, 1879, began lumbering, a business which he carried on quite extensively for four years. On Sept. 22, 1879, he married Miss Hattie L. Peck of Solon, and to them have been born one son and four daughters. During the time he was lumbering he started in the live stock business. This was in 1880. When he had finished the lumber job he turned his attention wholly to live stock, and until the past eight years he shipped largely to New York and Philadelphia markets, but since then has carried it on principally in a local way. He owns several large farms, and is equipped in every way to carry on his enormous business. Mr. Saunders has played a prominent part in the politics of this county. A staunch Republican, he is the only one of that political faith who has represented the town of Truxton in the board of supervisors during the past forty years. He was in the board from 1887 to 1890, inclusive, when he refused a re-election. He removed to this village in 1892, and in 1895 he was nominated and elected to the assembly, and was returned to that body the following year. As a business man, he stands among the foremost for honesty and integrity, and has made an enviable reputation for himself in this community.



Butler, Photo. F. P. SAUNDERS.

**Practicing Lawyers** [see "Cortland County Bar," page 178]. — Cortland, with her 10,000 population now numbers thirty-five practicing attorneys, or one "limb of the law," to every 285.57 of her inhabitants. There are a number who are practicing their profession elsewhere with more or less success, among whom are Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York Alton B. Parker, and Byron A. Benedict, at one time district attorney, who, while maintaining his home in Cortland, and his social relations here, has by far the greater part of his practice in Syracuse. Those practicing in Cortland now are: Lewis Bouton, of the firm of Bouton & Champlin; Edmund C. Alger, the present clerk for the town of Cortlandville; Horace L. Bronson, formerly district attorney; Riley Champlin; Charles V. Coon, once the superintendent of the public schools of Cortland; John Courtney, Jr., and Thomas E. Courtney, his younger brother and law partner; William C. Crombie, formerly village clerk; Rowland L. Davis, police justice and partner of ex-District Attorney Horace L. Bronson; Henry A. Dickinson, partner to the present district attorney, Edwin Duffey; James Dougherty; Thomas H. Dowd, a former clerk for the town of Cortlandville several terms; Edwin Duffey, the district attorney for Cortland county and the successor of the late Judge A. P. Smith as law partner of Henry Dickinson; Joseph E. Eggleston, the present county judge and surrogate, twice elected to that office on the Republican ticket, and now serving his twelfth year; Lyman H. Gallagher;



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F. P. SAUNDERS' RESIDENCE.



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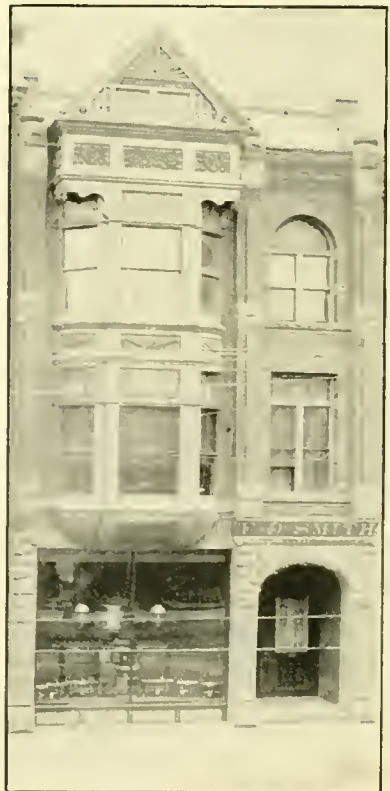
Frederick Hatch, who has filled the position of village clerk for many years; Lucian P. Hollenbeck; George B. Jones, the oldest member of the Cortland county bar in active practice; Orris U. Kellogg, the owner of valuable farms in Cortland county and large herds of thoroughbred cattle, and an ex-Democratic member of assembly; Stratton S. Knox, formerly county judge and surrogate, having been elected on the Democratic ticket; William J. Mantanye; Enos E. Mellon, formerly police justice of Cortland; Nathan L. Miller, the present chairman of the Republican county committee; Irving H. Palmer, attorney for the Erie & Central N. Y. railway, and at one time elected district attorney on the Democratic ticket; George S. Sands, once chairman of the Republican county committee and twice elected on the Republican ticket to the assembly; John W. Suggett, who has a large practice in the Federal courts; William D. Tuttle; David W. Van Hoesen, once Democratic member of assembly and law partner of Attorney O. U. Kellogg; Benjamin T. Wright, once district attorney.

**Benjamin F. Taylor.**—No man in Cortland is more prized and esteemed by a large circle of friends than Benjamin F. Taylor, the public spirited superintendent of the Cortland Water Works company. He was born in New York City and at an early age moved into Tompkins county, N. Y. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he enlisted as a private and was promoted to a corporal in the 76th Regiment of N. Y. S. V. He was in active service for nearly four years, during which time his abounding good nature and rich and rare good fellowship are well remembered.

At the close of the war he returned to Cortland and for many years was known as the popular and successful proprietor of Taylor's hotel and restaurant. In 1870 he married Sarah Van Rensselaer. He has been a member of Grover Post, No. 28, G. A. R. from its organization. He is a director in the National bank of Cortland and was one of the projectors of the excellent water system of Cortland and has been superintendent of the company for a number of years past. Mr. Taylor has been prominent in all the public improvements in Cort-

land and largely identified with its growth. His kindly deeds, his unobtrusive and almost secretive charities, are as characteristic as are his intense hatred of shams, his warm sympathies and his positive convictions.

**Cortland County Bar** [See "Early Lawyers," P. 149]—Among those first admitted to practice at the Court of Common Pleas was Daniel Gott, then of Pompey, whose application was sworn to before "S. Nelson, Com." in 1819. John Keep was the first judge of Common Pleas and held the position thirteen years. He was not, however, a lawyer, but seems to have been appointed (1810) for the reason that he had held the office of Justice of the Peace several years and was considered best fitted for the position. The first attorney's oath, in the handwriting of Samuel Hotchkiss, was subscribed to by H. Gray and dated Dec. 31, 1823. In the county archives is a musty roll of yellow ragged paper which contains about 150 signatures to the official oaths of all the attorneys of the Court of Common Pleas connected with the Cortland county bar, beginning in the spring of 1808 and continuing for forty years. Among the number were Townsend Ross, an assistant judge, Victor Birdseye, a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1821, Glen Cuyler, Roswell Randall, Henry Stephens, Oliver Wiswell, Elisha Williams, Thomas J. Oakley, Samuel Nelson, a circuit judge, Daniel Gott, Edward C. Reed, Nathan Dayton, Joseph Reynolds, William Henry Shankland, Horatio Ballard, Barak Niles, Lewis Kingsley, Henry S. Randall, Robert O. Reynolds, Roswell K. Bourne, A. L. Ballard, James A. Schermerhorn. In later years the names of R. H. Duell, George B. Jones, Amos L. Kenney, Oliver Porter, Nathaniel C. Moak, M. M. Waters and A. P. Smith



Butler, Photo. B. F. TAYLOR'S BLOCK.

added lustre and dignity to the practice of law in the courts of the state. The bar of the county has also been honored by the admission of Ira L. Little, George A. Hulbert, John S. Barber, William H. Warren, Frank M. Benjamin, A. Judson Kneeland, Henry D. Waters, Wm. P. Robinson, James T. Steele, Franklin Pierce, John O'Donnell, W. J. Van Auken, A. S. Knight, E. F. Stone, R. T. Peck, E. D. Crosley, H. L. Gleason, G. E. Tarbell, J. E. Winslow, B. B. Jones, Wm. H. Clark. Some are not living, others are in other vocations.

\*For reference to Cortland city members of the bar, see "Practicing Lawyers of Cortland," on page 177.

**Homer and Cortland Gas Light Co.** was established in 1860, but the works burned out and were rebuilt in 1890. The fullest capacity of manufacture is 25,000,000 cubic feet. At the time of this writing it is the intention of the company to enlarge the plant. The officers—President, W. T. Morris; secretary and treasurer, W. W. Miller; superintendent, W. S. Barker.

**Cortland Water Works Co.** was established in 1884. The pumphouse is located on Otter Creek which is fed by springs, from which is obtained an inexhaustible supply of pure water. The capacity of the two pumps is 3,000,000 gallons daily and the pressure is 75 pounds to the square inch. Seventeen miles of pipes convey the



Harris, Photo. GAS AND WATER COMPANIES' OFFICES.

water through all parts of the village. The officers: President, T. H. Wickwire; vice-president, L. J. Fitzgerald; secretary, treasurer and manager, Benjamin F. Taylor; directors, W. H. Newton, E. H. Brewer, F. J. Peck, C. F. Wickwire, J. P. Gray.

**State Officers.**—Governor, Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay; Lieutenant-Governor, Timothy L. Woodruff, Brooklyn; Secretary of State, John T. McDonough, Albany; Comptroller, William J. Morgan, Buffalo; Treasurer, John P. Jaeckel, Auburn; Attorney-General, John C. Davies, Camden; State Engineer and Surveyor, Edward A. Bond, Watertown; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Charles R. Skinner, Watertown; Superintendent of Public Works, John W. Partridge, Brooklyn;

Superintendent of Insurance, Francis Hendricks, Syracuse; Superintendent of Banks, Fred'k D. Kilburn, Malone; Superintendent of Prisons, Cornelius V. Collins, Troy; Commissioner of Agriculture, Chas. A. Wieting, Cobleskill; State Historian, Hugh Hastings, New York; Factory Inspector, Daniel O'Leary, Glens Falls; Labor Commissioner, John McMackin, New York; Commissioner of Excise, Henry H. Lyman, Oswego; Inspector of Gas metres, Jastrow Alexander, New York; Commissioner of Meteorological Bureau, Simeon Smith, Ithaca; Superintendent of Weights and Measures, Lewis Bass, Albany; Commissioner New Capitol, Geo. Lewis Heins, New York; Superintendent of Public Buildings, Harry H. Bender, Albany.



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR GAS AND WATER COS'. OFFICES.



Hyatt, Photo. C. E. VAN BROCKLIN.

**Charles E. Van Brocklin**, National Bank Examiner, although not a native of Cortland, has made this village his home since Feb. 1, 1886, when he went into business here. A year ago he erected one of the prettiest and latest style of dwellings on North Main street, which, being colonial in style, presents an attractive and imposing appearance from the thoroughfare. Occupying the position he does, Mr. Van Brocklin is called away from home a great deal, nevertheless he never loses sight of the interests which give promise of materially benefitting the village. Mr. Van Brocklin was born in the town of Pompey, Onondaga county, N. Y., on Oct. 18, 1861. His early schooling was obtained in the district school at Pompey Hill, and later in "Pompey Academy," afterwards receiving a higher education in the Cortland Normal school. When he decided to make Cortland his permanent place of residence, he bought from S. A. Williams a half interest in the business of H. H. Pudney & Co., hatters and men's outfitters, and subsequently, on April 1, 1888, he purchased the other half, the business after that being conducted under the name of C. E. Van Brocklin until Feb. 1, 1895, when he disposed of the business entirely, in order to give him the necessary time to attend to the exacting duties of his position. He had received the appointment of United States National Bank Examiner for the southern district of New York state the preceding year, 1894, and had at once entered upon its duties. On Feb. 24, 1886, he was married to Anna M., the daughter of Dr. H. T. Dana, a prominent Cortland physician.

**State Commissions**, how chosen, term and salaries.—All of the following are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate: **HEALTH**—Six members; term, three years; no salary; expenses of all limited to \$500 a year; Secretary of State, State Engineer and health officer Port of New York, members ex-officio. **CHARITIES**—Eleven; eight years; \$10 per day actual attendance and expenses; aggregate annual salaries limited to \$4,000. **PRISONS**—Eight; eight years; \$10 per day each for actual attendance and expenses; total salaries per annum limited to \$4,000. **RAILROAD**—Three; five years; \$8,000 and expenses, paid by the railroads. **COURT OF CLAIMS**—Three; six years; \$5,000 and expenses not to exceed \$500. **TAX**—Three; \$2,500 and \$500 for expenses. **FISHERIES, GAME AND FOREST**—Five; five years; President, \$3,000, others \$2,500 and \$800 for expenses. **MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**—Three; three years; \$3,000 and expenses. **CIVIL SERVICE**—Three; serve at pleasure of Governor; \$2,000. **PHARMACY**—Named by New York State Pharmaceutical Association; five; five years; no salary; expenses paid by fees for license. **AGRICULTURAL STATION at Geneva**—Ten; three years; no salary. **NIAGARA RESERVATION**—Five; five years; no salary. **STATUTORY REVISION**—Three during pleasure of Governor; \$3,000. **SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, Bath**—Nine; three years; no salary; Governor and Attorney General members ex-officio. **LUNACY**—Three; six years; President, a physician, \$7,500, a lawyer, \$5,000, and a layman, \$3,000; \$1,200 each for expenses. **QUARANTINE**—Three; three years; \$2,500.

**State Land Board**.—The Lieutenant-Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney General and State Engineer are empowered to grant the waste and unappropriated lands to private use, excepting forest lands.



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C. E. VAN BROCKLIN'S RESIDENCE.

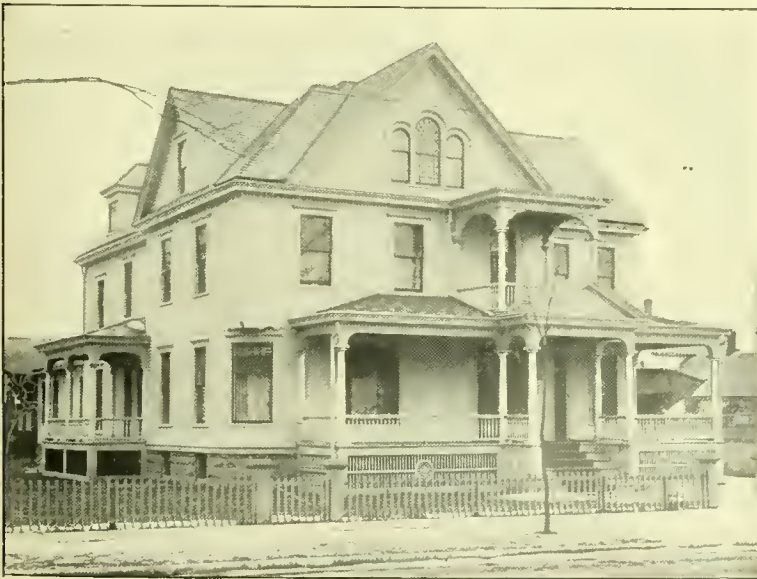
**Henry T. Dana, M. D.**, was the youngest son and child of Hon. Sardis Dana of Madison county, N. Y., who represented his district in the legislature, was a member of the constitutional convention of 1846, and was also county judge. Dr. Dana was educated in the local schools and at Cazenovia seminary. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. H. P. Mead of Morrisville, N. Y., completing his medical studies prior to graduation with Dr. James H. Armsby of Albany, N. Y., the distinguished professor of anatomy in the Albany Medical college, from which institution Dr. Dana graduated in 1863. The doctor first located in Tully, N. Y., at once assuming a large and arduous practice. His health becoming impaired, he removed to Chicago, residing there three years, when he returned to this state, locating in Cortland in 1872. Since that time he has continuously practiced his profession in the latter place. He was altogether nineteen years examining surgeon for pensions; was president of the board on its formation, a position he held during all the years of his subsequent service. He became a member of the Cortland County Medical society on locating in Cortland, and has served as its president at different times. He is a member of the New York State Medical society, and local surgeon for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., a member of the Lehigh Valley Association of Railway Surgeons and the New York State Association of Railway Surgeons. He has been for many years medical examiner for many of the leading life insurance companies. His practice has been large, and of late years much of his time has been occupied as a consultant. Dr. Dana early became interested in Masonry. He has served the craft as worshipful master, high priest, eminent commander, district deputy grand master, and was one of the special committee that selected the site for the Masonic Home at Utica. Himself and wife became members of the Presbyterian church of Cortland during the pastorate of Dr. Street. Dr. Dana married Miss Elizabeth M. Van Bergen, of Tully, N. Y. Four children came to them, two only surviving the period of infancy, the elder being the wife of Mr. Charles E. Van Brocklin of Cortland, and the younger of Mr. George L. Barnard of Syracuse, N. Y.



Hyatt, Photo. HENRY T. DANA, M. D.

**The Cortland Opera House**, constructed of dark red brick, is an ornamental structure on Groton avenue, adjoining the Cortland House, a building used exclusively for a theater and having a broad ground floor entrance, connecting with a transverse lobby with an inside vestibule. The seating capacity is 1,000, and the parquet and dress circle are fitted with folding opera chairs. On each side of the stage is a single canopied private box, entered from the parquet. There is one balcony connecting the proscenium arch at both ends with an open family circle enclosed by a rail. An alley between the opera house and the hotel affords admission to the stage entrances, which may also be

used for exits in case of fire. The proscenium opening is square, being 30-ft. high and 30-ft. wide. The greatest distance from the footlights across the stage is 35 feet, and the distance between the side walls is 64 feet. Between the stage and fly-girders is 44 feet, and from the floor to the grooves overhead is 16 feet. The area of the building is 67 x 112. Its cost was \$43,000. A stock company built and own the opera house, which was opened in May, 1885. At the present writing it is leased to an amusement firm, who employ William Wallace as the local manager. The officers of the company are: President, Edward Keator; Vice-President, Alex. Mahan; Secretary, H. M. Kellogg; Treasurer, Thomas F. Brayton.



Hyatt, Photo.

DR. HENRY T. DANA'S RESIDENCE.



BENJAMIN L. WEBB, (Hyatt, Photo.) Sec. and Treas. CALVIN P. WALRAD, (Harris, Photo.) President.

**The Cortland Savings Bank** was incorporated by a special act of the state legislature on April 13, 1866, which provided that "William R. Randall, Hiram J. Messenger, Thomas Keator, Jedediah Barber, George W. Bradford, Perrin H. McGraw, Henry Stephens, Frederick Hyde, Horatio Ballard, Henry S. Randall, R. Holland Duell, Hiram Crandall, Horace P. Goodrich, James W. Sturtevant, Alphonzo Stone, Silas Blanchard, Raymond P. Babcock, Nathan Smith, Daniel E. Whitmore, Stephen Patrick, and their successors shall be and they are hereby constituted, a body corporate and politic, by the name of the 'Cortland Savings Bank,' to be located in the village of Cortland, in the county of Cortland, New York," etc. The first permanent officers elected were: President, Wm. R. Randall; vice-presidents, Henry Stephens, Geo. W. Bradford; treasurer, Wm. R. Randall; secretary, S. E. Welch; attorney, R. H. Duell; auditing committee, J. W. Sturtevant, P. H. McGraw, Stephen Patrick. The bank opened for business on Sept. 25, 1866, on the second floor of the building it now occupies, under the immediate charge of Mr. Calvin P. Walrad, who succeeded Mr. S. E. Welch as its secretary, at a meeting of the trustees, held Sept. 3, 1866. Mr. Morgan L. Webb was elected secretary of the bank Jan. 11, 1869, succeeding Mr. Walrad. On July 13, 1874, Mr. Wm. R. Randall resigned as president, and was succeeded by Mr. Henry S. Randall, who held the office until his death, when

he was succeeded by Dr. Frederick Hyde. On Jan. 10, 1881, Mr. Morgan L. Webb was elected both secretary and treasurer, the two offices being united until Jan. 13, 1883, when Mr. Benjamin L. Webb was elected secretary, the office of treasurer being retained by Mr. Morgan L. Webb until his death in 1884, when he was succeeded by Mr. Calvin P. Walrad. Dr. Hyde retained the office of president until his death, in 1887, when Judge R. H. Duell was elected to fill the vacancy, retaining it until his death, in 1891, when the office was filled by the election of Mr. Calvin P. Walrad. At the annual meeting in 1892 the offices of secretary and treasurer were again united, being filled by the election of Mr. Benj. L. Webb. In 1875 the charters of the various Savings Banks in the state were made uniform as to their "rights, powers and privileges," and during the same year the office of the bank was moved into the quarters it now occupies. Starting from almost nothing in 1866, the bank assets have grown to nearly one and three-quarter millions of dollars. On Jan. 1, 1900, the report to the Banking department of that date showed deposits amounting to \$1,640,077.94, other liabilities \$119.19, and surplus \$103,264.44; total assets, \$1,743,461.57; number of depositors, 6,757. Its present officers and trustees are as follows: President, Calvin P. Walrad; vice-presidents, Stratton S.

Knox, Marcus H. McGraw; secretary and treasurer, Benjamin L. Webb; attorney, Lewis Bouton; trustees, Calvin P. Walrad, Benjamin L. Webb, Marcus H. McGraw, Lewis Bouton, Stratton S. Knox, John D. F. Woolston, Eliot I. Stone, Hubert T. Bushnell, Marvin R. Wood, Hiram D. Corey, Frank P. Hakes, Peter D. Muller, Geo. S. Sands.

**Commissioners of Canal Fund.**—This body comprises the Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Treasurer and Attorney General. As the name implies, it controls the canal fund.



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THE CORTLAND SAVINGS BANK.



Hyatt, Photo. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS CORTLAND ATHLETIC ASS'N. [See sk., P. 107.  
 R. F. Smith. Herbert Bosworth. H. Hopkins. A. D. Wallace. E. Per Lee.  
 James Kelley, Treas. John Murphy, Sec'y. M. E. Sarvey.  
 Lewis Graves. Morris Brotherton. A. S. Brown, Pres. Matthew Ruff.

**Valuable Services.**—The people of Cortland are under greater obligations to Dr. J. M. Milne than perhaps many appreciate. Always progressive, public-spirited and unselfishly devoted to the interests of the community, Dr. Milne was quick to see the benefits which an artistic, high class, legitimate historical souvenir would secure for a village like Cortland. Therefore, the publisher—as well as the public—is greatly indebted to Dr. Milne for the encouragement he gave to the project, as well as for the indispensable and valuable services which he rendered in compiling this publication. We trust and believe the people of Cortland will always be proud of this souvenir, and that when the approaching century has passed into history this publication will continue to be the living reflex of the people who at the most important period in the affairs of the village responded to the proposition by which is made known to the world at large the rapid strides being made by Cortland at this time in growth and commercial spirit.

**State Canvassers.**—This board is constituted by the Secretary of State, Comptroller, Attorney-General, State Treasurer and State Engineer. It is required by law to convene on or before Dec. 15, following a general election, and within forty days after a special election, and canvass the returns. Three constitute a quorum, and where a quorum is not present the Mayor and Recorder of the city of Albany may be required to attend.



CORTLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLUB ROOMS.



Butler, Photos. JOHN A. KENNEDY. JOHN WEBER.

**John A. Kennedy**, the custom tailor over Jewett's jewelry store, went into the business in the same place on April 1, 1896, bringing to Cortland with him an experience gained by steady and close application to the practical part of the business under the instruction of some of the leading men in that line both in Cortland and in other places. The class of customers which go into his shop demand first class work and during the three years he has been in the business for himself he has made it his sole purpose to give satisfaction in every respect. Many people who dress well, displaying taste in the cut and pattern of their garments, are those who have found the man most interested and seemingly best adapted to understand their wants in the tailorshop. Mr. Kennedy was born in Cortland Feb. 13, 1868, and attended the schools of this village. For several years he worked in Wickwire's shops, but in 1888 started in with E. J. Mattice, now of Albany, to learn the trade of custom tailoring, afterwards being employed for about four years by I. Whiteson in this village. After working for Benson in Rochester for some time, he returned to Cortland to go into business for himself. He is a member of the A. O. H., the C. M. B. A., and the Knights of Columbus. In 1893 he was married to Mary Murphy of Cortland.

**John Weber**, manufacturer of ladies' tailor made suits, learned merchant tailoring under the instruction of his father who had followed that calling all his life, who himself had worked under the best masters of that trade in Munich, Bavaria, where his fathers had worked before him and who was at the time of his son's apprenticeship, in 1883, in the business in Rochester. The latter afterward worked in Buffalo, returning to Rochester a year later to enter the employ of W. E. Williams, subsequently going with Ross Bros. at Oakfield. In 1892 he came to Cortland, first being employed by Dachler and afterward by Harrington. In 1893 he married Miss B. T. Murray and returned to Rochester, six months later locating with Frank Moran at Watkins. He came back to Cortland in 1896, and was in the employ of Graham. On Oct. 1, 1899, he started on in the place where he is now located, occupying jointly with Mr. Kennedy the shop and salesroom over Jewett's jewelry store. He manufactures the latest styles of ladies' coats and skirts and guarantees them to fit. He is a member of the young men's Athletic club of Rochester.

**Judges, Court of Appeals**—Those who have honored the Court of Appeals bench of this state: Freeborn G. Jewett, Onondaga county; Greene C. Bronson, New York; Chas. H. Ruggles, Dutchess; Addison Gardner, Monroe, elected June 7, 1847; Samuel A. Foote, Ontario, appointed vice Bronson, resigned, April 11, 1851; Alex. S. Johnson, Oneida, elected Nov. 4, 1851; Hiram Denio, Oneida, app. vice Jewett, resigned—elected June 23, 1853, for balance of term, re-elected 1857; George F. Comstock, Onondaga, elected vice Ruggles, resigned, Nov. 6, 1855; Samuel L. Selden, Monroe, elected Nov. 6, 1855; Henry E. Davies, New York, elected Nov. 8, 1858; William B. Wright, Sullivan, elected Nov. 5, 1861; Henry R. Selden, Monroe, app. vice



JOHN A. KENNEDY AND JOHN WEBER'S SALESROOMS.

S. L. Selden, resigned, July 1, 1862—elected Nov. 3, 1863; John K. Porter, Albany, app. vice H. R. Selden, resigned, Jan. 2, 1865—elected Nov. 7, 1865; Ward Hunt, Oneida, elected Nov. 7, 1865; Martin Grover, Allegany, elected Nov. 5, 1867; Lewis B. Woodruff, New York, app. vice Porter, resigned, Jan. 4, 1868; Charles Mason, Madison, app. vice Wright, deceased, Jan. 20, 1868; Robert Earl, Herkimer, elected Nov. 2, 1869—Chief Justice Jan. 25, 1892; John A. Lott, Kings, elected Nov. 2, 1869. Under the Constitution of 1869 the following have been CHIEF JUSTICES: Sanford E. Church, Orleans, May 17, 1870; Chas. J. Folger, app. vice Church, deceased, May 20, 1880—elected Nov. 2, 1880; Charles Andrews, Onondaga, app. vice Folger, resigned, Nov. 19, 1881—Nov. 7, 1892; Wm. C. Ruger, Onondaga, Nov. 7, 1882; Alton B. Parker, Ulster, Nov. 2, 1897. ASSOCIATES: William F. Allen, Oswego, Martin Grover, Allegany, Rufus W. Peckham, Albany, Charles J. Folger, Ontario, Charles A. Rapallo, New York and Charles Andrews, Onondaga, May 17, 1870; Alex. S. Johnson, Oneida, app. vice Peckham, deceased, Dec. 29, 1873; Theodore Miller, Columbia, Nov. 3, 1874; Robert Earl, Herkimer, app. vice Grover, deceased, Nov. 5, 1875—elected Nov. 7, 1876—re-elected Nov. 4, 1890; Samuel Hand, Albany, app. vice Allen, deceased, June 10, 1878; George F. Danforth, Monroe, Nov. 5, 1878; Francis M. Finch, Tompkins, app. vice Folger, chosen chief judge May 25, 1880—elected Nov. 8, 1881; Benj. F. Tracey, Kings, app. vice Andrews, chosen chief judge Dec. 8, 1881; Rufus W. Peckham, Albany, Nov. 2, 1886; John Clinton Gray, New York, app. vice Rapallo, deceased, Jan. 25, 1888—elected full term Nov., 1888; Denis O'Brien, Jefferson, Nov. 5, 1889; Isaac H. Maynard, Delaware, app. vice Earl, chosen chief judge Jan. 20, 1892; Edward T. Bartlett, New York, Nov. 7, 1893; Albert Haight, Erie, Nov. 6, 1894.

Present Court of Appeals (terms expire)—CHIEF: Alton B. Parker, Ulster, Dec. 31, 1911. ASSOCIATES: John Clinton Gray, New York, Dec. 31, 1902; Denis O'Brien, Jefferson, Dec. 31, 1903; Edward T. Bartlett, New York, Dec. 31, 1908; Albert Haight, Erie, Dec. 31, 1909; Celora E. Martin, Broome, Dec. 31, 1909; Irving G. Vann, Onondaga, app. vice Peckham, resigned, Dec. 31, 1910.



Harris, Photo. GEO. P. YAGER.

**George P. Yager**, proprietor of the Fair store at No. 108 Main street, started in business for himself in Cortland with J. G. Marshall, at the place where he has since carried on a considerable trade, in Feb., 1892. Along in the early eighties a man named Harris started the Fair Store in the Squires block. About three or four years later G. Bligh, who is now in business in Oneonta, bought out Mr. Harris and about 1887 or '88 moved the store into its present quarters, where a furniture business had up to that time been carried on. It next changed hands when Yager & Marshall purchased the store. This firm finding a good opening in Homer started a branch Fair store in that village in 1895. In July, 1897, Mr. Marshall retired from the Cortland business and a short time after sold

his interest in the Homer store to Mr. Crandall. Since the firm of Yager & Marshall took the business it has increased to about three times its former size, both in the volume of stock and amount of business. This has required an enlargement of quarters, to meet which it was necessary to obtain additional floors, so that as the business now stands Mr. Yager occupies, in addition to the main store, 25 x 100 feet, the basement and the two upper floors and a part of the second floor over an adjoining store. The staple line handled by Mr. Yager consists of crockery, lamps, china and earthen ware and all kinds of house furnishing goods. During the holiday season Mr. Yager deals quite extensively in holiday goods of all sorts, including a large variety of toys.



Harris, Photo. YAGER'S FAIR STORE. [See sk. and View Homer Store, P. 201.]



MRS. DR. J. H. SPALDING.

He also does a considerable business in picture framing. Among other lines of goods carried in this store is gentlemen's and ladies' furnishing goods, including hosiery and underwear. Mr. Yager was born in McConnellsville, Oneida Co., Dec. 20, 1863. His parents moved to Cortland when he was quite young and he was educated in the Cortland schools. After leaving school he entered the dry goods store of Fish & Walrad, who about a year later sold out and Mr. Yager accepted a position in the dry goods store of Tanner Bros., and eight years later went into business for himself. He was married to R. Mildred Williamson of Moravia, June 11, 1890.

**Julia H. Spalding, M. D.**, who has the distinction of being a successful lady physician with a flattering practice, and who stands high in the homeopathy school, is the daughter of Dr. W. W. Kinney, of Rome, Pa. She was born at Sheshequin, Bradford Co., Pa., and obtained her medical education at the Hahnemann, the Foundling home, and the Chicago Homeopathic colleges and hospitals, having been graduated from the latter institution in 1877. Her first field of practice was in Rome, Pa. On Jan. 10, 1883, she came to Cortland. She is a member of the Medico Chirurgical society of Central New York and the American Institute of Homeopathy. She had the advantage of considerable hospital practice and instruction in the Cook County Hospital at Chicago, where she remained one year. Her special line of practice is in chronic diseases. On Oct. 14, 1863, she was married to Edgar

E. Spalding, by whom she had one child, Grace L., born June 8, 1866, the wife of Charles H. Miller, bookkeeper for Cooper Bros. Their only child, Earl Spalding Miller, was born Sept. 27, 1898.

**Patriotic Banquet of '21.**—It is an interesting fact that Cortland gave voice to a protest against the inhumanity of slavery in the South at a banquet held by the First Methodist church congregation on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the church edifice as early as July 4, 1821. The Rev. Charles Lane Rice (on page 37), in his very interesting sketch of the history of that society, has referred to the event. But Franklin Pierce Saunders has placed in our hands a little volume which gives the list of toasts offered on that occasion. The stirring patriotism which prevailed among the Methodists at that time is shown by reference to this list, among which were the following: "RELIGIOUS TOLERATION;" "AMERICA—the Home of the Emigrant and the Asylum of Exile;" "OUR COUNTRY;" "THE MEMORY OF THE HEROES who have Fallen in Achieving and Defending the Independence of their Country;" "THE IMMORTAL WASHINGTON AND HIS COMPATRIOTS;" "THE SURVIVING PATRIOTS OF BOTH WARS;" "THE UNION;" "OUR GALLANT ARMY;" "OUR GALLANT NAVY;" "SOUTH AMERICA—The Standard of Liberty now Waving on the Ramparts of its Citadel;" "SLAVERY—The Darkest Spot on the American Escutcheon;" "THE DOUGH FACES OF THE NORTHERN STATES, Who Sacrificed Principle to Southern Influence and made Slavery Constitutional in Missouri;" "THE FRIENDS OF LIBERTY, Wherever they may be Found." These were only part of the toasts given at that Independence Dayspread in Nathan Luce's tavern. Our authority does not state who responded to them. "After dinner," says this account, "the ladies withdrew, and the cloth being removed Gen. S. G. Hathaway presiding as president and Col. Roswell Randall as vice-president, the toasts were drank under the discharge of cannon and the hearty cheers of the company at the table."



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MRS. DR. J. H. SPALDING'S RESIDENCE.

**Henry B. Hubbard** started in business in Cortland in March, 1867, when in company with Amasa Givens he became one of the members of the firm of J. S. Squires & Co., each of the two gentlemen buying a one-quarter interest in the large business in what is now the Martin block, which James S. Squires was then carrying on. They occupied a double store and employed a large force of clerks, doing a general merchandise business, with a trade coming in from miles around. Mr. Givens was at that time a clerk with Mr. Squires and Mr. Hubbard was a clerk for Sturtevant, Dowd & Co.,



Harris, Photo. H. B. HUBBARD'S STORE.

where he had been employed since coming to Cortland for about three years. The firm of J. S. Squires & Co. continued unchanged until March, 1872, when Messrs. Givens and Hubbard bought Mr. Squires' interest. But in July, 1873, Givens & Hubbard admitted E. D. Webb to the business as the owner of a third interest and the firm of Givens, Hubbard & Co. were among the leading business firms until January, 1878, when they disposed of the business to Floyd Chamberlain, who came to Cortland from Utica. From that time until April, 1881, when Mr. Hubbard began his present business in groceries and crockery in the Hubbard block, he was temporarily out of trade. This building, a substantial three-story brick structure, 25 x 90 feet, was built by Givens & Hubbard in the summer of 1873, on a plot of ground which they purchased of Henry S. Randall. The following January, after Mr. Webb became a partner, the firm moved across the street into this block. Dropping some of the lines which they had previously carried, this firm



Harris, Photo. HENRY B. HUBBARD.

confined their business after that more strictly to dry goods and carpets. Mr. Hubbard carries a large line of groceries and crockery ware. He is the sole owner of the block, having purchased Mr. Givens' interest Feb. 1, 1891. As among the oldest active business men in Cortland he is widely and favorably known. His career spans the period in which Cortland has stepped from a small rural village into the rank of a city; from the era of turf and gravel paths and mud ruts to asphalt pavements and broad stone walks. Mr. Hubbard is a prominent member of the Episcopal church, and has served as warden and treasurer for nearly thirty years. He was born in the town of Cortlandville, April 24, 1837, and was educated in the district schools and the Cortlandville academy. In May 22, 1854, he began a clerkship



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INTERIOR H. B. HUBBARD'S STORE.



PAUL DREXLER. (Hyatt, Photos.) W. H. TIFFT.

with Leander Fitts at McLean, where he remained seven years, and then accepted a similar position with D. B. Marsh & Co. of the same place. On Oct. 3, 1861, he married Julia B. Robinson of Cortlandville, and in April, 1864, they located in Cortland.

**Drexler & Tift** opened the barber shop in the Sanison building on Groton avenue, on Jan. 15, 1900. It is entirely a new stand and is an exceedingly convenient location for the business, being only two doors off from Main street and directly opposite the Cortland House and the Opera House.

It is one of a few ground floor shops in Cortland, and during the short time it has been opened a large patronage has been acquired by reason of the fact that Messrs. Drexler & Tift are skilled in their trade, attentive to the demands of their customers and are popular with all classes. From time to time they are making improvements, with the view of making the shop as complete in appointments as any first-class shop in the country. There is no reason why this should not become the leading shop in Cortland, enjoying as the proprietors do the good will and custom of many of the best class of patrons. Henry Paul Drexler was born in Chemnitz, Saxony, Aug. 13, 1871, where he became apprenticed to his father and learned not only the trade of a barber, but to manufacture wigs. In 1891 Paul came to this country and located in Chicago, where he remained until 1894, when he came to Cortland. After being employed by different barbers he bought out the shop in the Beaudry building of Hiram Banks, which he occupied until he formed the present business connection. He was married to Johanna Louisa Sacher of Cortland,

May 23, 1895. William V. Tift was born in Williamstown, Mass., March 26, 1865, and learned the barber's trade when he was sixteen years old, and worked in the large shops in Troy until 1886, when he opened a shop on Pawling avenue, afterwards carrying on the business for himself until he came to Cortland. In June, 1884, he was married to Josephine Christian. In 1898 he came to Cortland, and was employed in various shops until he started the present business with Mr. Drexler.

#### Speakers, House of Representatives.—

Frederick A. Muhlenburgh, Pa., 1st, 3d Cong.; Jonathan Trumbull, Ct., 2d Cong.; Jonathan Dayton, N. J., 4th, 5th Cong.; Theodore Sedgwick, Mass., 6th Cong.; Nathan Macon, N. C., 7th, 8th, 9th Cong.; Joseph B. Varnum, Mass., 10th, 11th Cong.; Henry Clay, Ky., 12th–16th, 18th Cong.; Philip P. Barbour, Va., 17th Cong.; John W. Taylor, N. Y., 19th Cong.; Andrew Stephenson, Va., 20th–21st Cong.; James K. Polk, Tenn., 24th–25th Cong.; Robert M. T. Hunter, Va., 26th Cong.; John White, Ky., 27th Cong.; John W. Jones, Va., 28th Cong.; John W. Davis, Ind., 29th Cong.; Robert C. Winthrop, Mass., 30th Cong.; Howell Cobb, Ga., 31st Cong.; Linn Boyd, Ky., 32d–33d Cong.; Nathaniel P. Banks, Jr., Mass., 34th Cong.; Jas. L. Orr, S. C., 35th Cong.; William Pennington, N. J., 36th Cong.; Galusha A. Grow, Pa., 37th Cong.; Schuyler Colfax, Ind., 38th–40th Cong.; James G. Blaine, Me., 41st–43d Cong.; Michael C. Kerr, Ind., 44th Cong.; Samuel J. Randall, Pa., 45th–46th Cong.; J. Warren Kiefer, O., 47th Cong.; John G. Carlisle, Ky., 48th–50th Cong.; Thomas B. Reed, Me., 51st, 54th, 55th Cong.; Charles F. Crisp, Ga., 52d–53d Cong.

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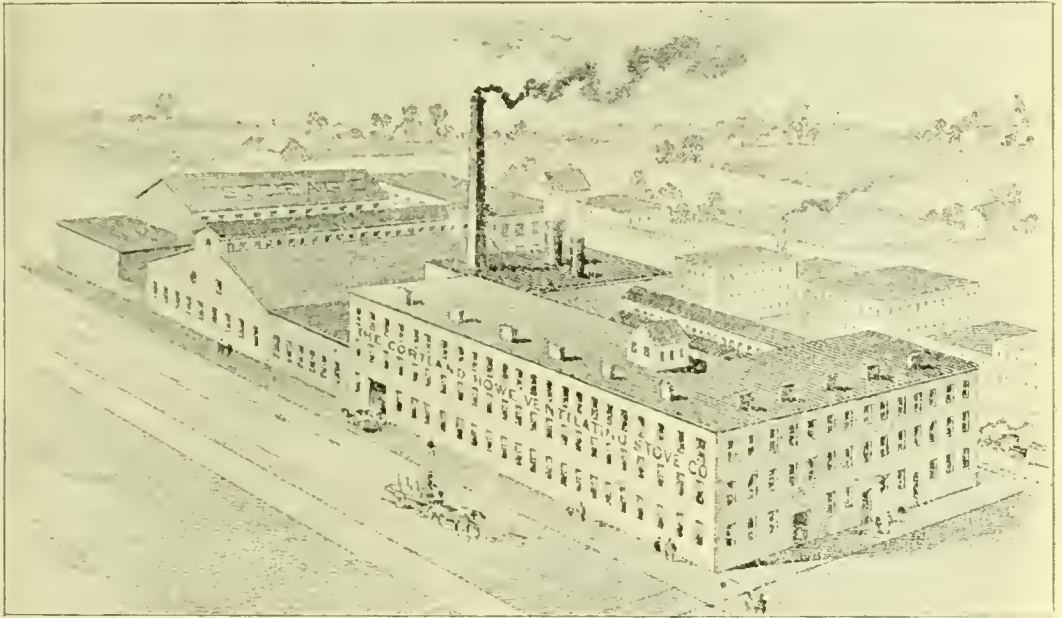
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DREXLER &amp; TIFFT'S BARBER SHOP.

### The Cortland Howe Ventilating Stove Co.—

This company was organized in Cortland in the summer of 1887 for the manufacture of stoves and ranges, and especially of the Howe Ventilating stove, which was also at that time being manufactured by a company at Fulton, N. Y. It immediately bought the plant of the Sanford Fork and Tool Co., corner Elm and Franklin streets in the village of Cortland, where its foundry is now located, expecting to start business there, but soon after bought out the Fulton company, and, during the years 1887 and 1888, operated the foundry at that place. In the latter part of 1888, the business was moved to Cortland, where a large addition to the Fork and Tool Co.'s buildings had been erected for use as a foundry. Since that time the operations of the company have been carried on at this place. In 1893 a large storehouse, 65 by 175 feet in size, was built by the company adjoining the Lehigh Valley tracks on Railroad street. The foundry is also located on this railroad, with

ards, professor of mechanical engineering, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., and author of the article on "Warming and Ventilation of Buildings," in Johnson's Cyclopedia; E. A. Fuertes, professor of civil engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; director of New York State Meteorological bureau, etc.; H. S. Carhart, professor of physics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; H. W. Harding, professor of physics, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.; Leverett Mears, professor of physics, Williams college, Williamstown, Mass.; H. D. Didama, M. D., LL. D., dean of college of medicine, Syracuse university, Syracuse, N. Y., ex-president New York State Medical society and New York State Medical association, etc.; John O. Roe, M. D., ex-president of the American Laryngological association; ex-president New York State Medical society; corresponding member of the Societe Francaise D'Otologie, de Laryngologie et de Rhinologie, member of the British Medical association, of the American Climatological asso-



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THE HOWE VENTILATING STOVE CO.'S WORKS.

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switches running along both foundry and storehouse furnishing facilities for receiving supplies and shipping goods.

The Cortland Howe Ventilator, the specialty in the line of stoves manufactured by this company, has probably as high and wide a reputation as any product of Cortland factories. It is a ventilating stove, which not only warms but purifies the air in the house where it is placed, taking fresh air from outside, warming it and passing it into the house and also removing through the chimney cold and foul air from along the floor. It has been adopted by the United States government, and is in use in forts from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It has received highest awards, medals, and diplomas as follows: International Expositions at Chicago, San Francisco, Atlanta, Nashville, Omaha; Gold Medal, Mechanic's Fair, Boston; Longstreth Medal, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia; besides thirty First-premiums.

Among the distinguished scientific men who have tested it and testified to its merits are the following: Prof. Romyu Hitchcock, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.; Charles B. Rich-

ciation, of the American Medical association, etc.; W. J. Waggener, professor of physics, Colorado State university, Boulder, Colo.; S. T. Moreland, professor of natural philosophy, Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va.; Benj. J. Sloan, (West Point), professor of physics, South Carolina college, Columbia, S. C.; A. E. Menke, professor of chemistry, Arkansas Industrial university, Fayetteville, Ark.; Col. M. H. Crump, professor of natural science, Ogden college, Bowling Green, Ky.

Besides being the best heating stove and the only really successful ventilating stove on the market, it is also the handsomest from an artistic standpoint.

Its sale increased in 1899 more than fifty per cent over the preceeding year.

This company was the only Cortland company having an exhibit and receiving an award at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, and is the only one which will have an exhibit at the Paris Exposition this year.

Besides the Ventilator, the company manufactures a line of ranges which received the highest



Hyatt, Photos. G. F. BEAUDRY.

O. C. SMITH.

awards at the Atlanta and Omaha International Expositions—the only ones where they have been exhibited—and for which it is claimed that they are the best working and most economical ranges on the market. The company also manufactures a variety of cheaper heating stoves for wood and coal, and does quite a business in nickel plating and miscellaneous foundry work, aside from the manufacture of stoves.

Its foundry is located on the trolley line of the Cortland & Homer Traction Co., as well as on the Lehigh Valley railroad, making it easy of access from all parts of the villages.

The present manager of the company is William H. Clark, with Levi Butler as superintendent.

**Smith & Beaudry** formed a co-partnership in 1897, and succeeded to a part of the business that had been established by G. F. Beaudry in 1886. The firm at once enlarged upon the lines that had formed a part of Mr. Beaudry's stock in trade, introducing new goods and a greater variety of supplies in one direction and dropping certain classes of merchandise in another. In fact a division in the original lines was made, Smith & Beaudry taking up the book, stationery and wall paper trade, and Mr. Beaudry continuing to carry on in the adjoining store the cigar, tobacco and bicycle lines. Smith & Beaudry's wall paper and stationery business proved a success from the start, and during 1899 it more than doubled that of the previous year, so that in order to make room for the rapidly increasing business the firm was forced to close out its

soda water and confectionery trade. The store in which Smith & Beaudry carry on business is at No. 73 Main street, one of the two stores on the ground floor of the Beaudry block. The stock of this firm comprises all lines of publications, including standard works, novels, periodicals and newspapers, school and office supplies, everything in stationery, text books, blank books, cameras and amateur photographers' supplies, art goods and pictures, picture frames and picture and room moldings. It is a large store, 25 x 100 feet. In the rear is the wall paper department, the firm making a special feature of this line by having the exclusive local agency of the products of the Wallace Wall Paper Co. O. C. Smith was born in Otisco, Onondaga county, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1846. Coming to Cortland in the fall of 1863, he obtained a clerkship in the drug store of Dr. T. C. Pomeroy, which he held until the fall of 1864, when he enlisted in the 185th regiment. When that regiment returned home, in June, 1865, he was transferred to the Duryea Zouaves, being mustered out of service the following August. After his return home he was with Dr. Pomeroy a year, afterwards with Niver & Crane at McLean two years, and then with Wallace & Mahan, continuing with the latter, and subsequently with D. F. Wallace, until in 1890 he was admitted to the business

as one of three partners, D. F. Wallace and W. G. McKinney being his partners. Subsequently he traveled for Janeway & Carpenter of New Brunswick, N. J., and in July, 1899, he became a traveling representative of the Wallace Wall Paper Co. of Cortland, in which he has a partnership interest. He was married to Maria C. Per Lee of McLean in 1870. G. F. Beaudry was born in Hague, Warren county, Sept. 5, 1861. When he was at an early age his parents moved to Cortland, where he was educated in the public and the Normal schools. In 1879 he started a small business in news, tobacco and fruit, where James Kelley is now doing business, and four years later moved to



Hyatt, Photo.

SMITH &amp; BEAUDRY'S STORE.

larger quarters in an adjacent store. In 1885 he bought the site of the Beaudry block and erected a handsome brick and stone structure, three stories high and 27 x 100 feet in area. In the spring of 1886 he moved into the building and enlarged the business. In 1892 he added safety bicycles, and to-day is a large dealer in that line. In March, 1883, he wedded Harriet Jones of Baldwinsville. They have five children—Harriet, 1½ years old; Fred, 9 years; Leon, 7; Ida, 11; and May, 14. The two boys and Ida and May are expert riders on the wheel, Fred and Leon having made a national reputation as fancy and trick riders.



Hyatt, Photo. INTERIOR OF SMITH & BEAUDRY'S STORE.

**A. D. Wallace**, one of the best known landlords in the county, succeeded Burns Linderman as part owner of the Brunswick in 1889, the hotel having for ten years previous to that time been conducted by Linderman & Wallace, the latter, W. A. Wallace, being a brother of the present proprietor. Wallace Bros. were proprietors of the hotel from 1889 to 1893, when W. A. Wallace retired. Since then A. D. Wallace alone has run the hotel, and he has demonstrated that he under-

stands fully how to cater to the wants of the public in a manner that is satisfactory to all classes. As a caterer he has brought the Brunswick into vogue for supper parties, luncheons and game dinners. The accompanying engraving of the hotel does not do full justice to the accommodations that this house affords. Upon entering, one is surprised at the amount of room provided for hotel and especially dining purposes. The main entrance opens into the public room and office with



Harris, Photo.

THE BRUNSWICK HOTEL—A. D. WALLACE, PROPRIETOR.



Hyatt, Photo. NATHAN L. MILLER.

bar in the rear. The cafe has a separate entrance and is connected in the rear with a hall opening into the private dining rooms. The hotel dining room and ladies' parlors are on the second floor, all very comfortably furnished and under the direct personal charge of Mrs. Wallace, who possesses equal tact and skill with her husband in providing culinary service for the guests of the house. In every respect the interior arrangements are fully in keeping with the needs of a first-class hotel. Mr. Wallace is prominent in the Masonic order, being a Knights Templar and a member of Central City Ancient Accepted Scottish rite, 32nd degree. Among the fraternity of Elks he is widely known, being a member of Syracuse lodge, No. 31. In local politics he is an aggressive and earnest partisan along party lines without the induction of offensive personalities and in the matter of public advancement entertains broad guaged views. Mr. Wallace was born in Auburn and came to Cortland in 1872, being employed in a machine and cooperage shop here five years. From 1877 to 1881 he was employed by the Cortland Wagon Co., with the exception of one year, when he was in South America promoting railroad interests. In 1881 he went to Auburn where for four years he was employed by the E. D. Clapp Wagon Co. of that city. On Feb. 14, 1882, he was married to Emma Hodson of Cortland. From Auburn he went to Springville where for two years he was employed by the O'Neill Wagon Co. He was afterwards foreman of the wood department of the Watertown Spring Wagon Works. Mr. Wallace was president of the Cortland Athletic association during 1897 '99 inclusive, and is one of the strongest of Cortland's supporters of athletic sports.

**Courteous Public Officers.**—A great deal of valuable information contained in this Souvenir was obtained through the kindness of County Clerk Hubert T. Bushnell and his deputy, Stephen K. Jones, and the village clerk, F. H. Hatch, who placed at "Grip's" disposal the records of their offices and personally aided him in looking up statistics.

**Dougherty & Miller**, who are among the best known of the younger members of the Cortland County bar, formed the co-partnership in 1894 and opened a suite of offices in the Second National bank building where they have since been located. Both gentlemen are prominent in the local political field, Mr. Miller being chairman of the Republican committee and Mr. Dougherty one of the principal counselors in the Democratic party. Mr. James Dougherty was born in Solon, Cortland county, April 28, 1859, and was educated at the Cortland Normal school and Cazenovia seminary. He entered upon the study of law with Hiram Crandall in Cortland in 1879. At the time he was admitted to the bar, which was at Ithaca, May 5, 1883, he was studying in the office of Bouton & Champlin, Cortland. He began practice in Cortland and at the time he formed the present business connection had secured a profitable business. From 1881 to 1887 he represented Solon on the board of supervisors. He was also for three years clerk of the board. He is one of the founders of the local branch of the Knights of Columbus. Nathan L. Miller was born in Solon, Oct. 10, 1868, and was educated at the Normal school where he was graduated. In 1890 he entered the office of Smith & Dickinson where he studied law until 1893 when he was admitted to practice at the spring examination in Syracuse. In the fall of that year he was elected school commissioner for the first district of Cortland county and held the office for six years. In the fall of 1898 he was chosen chairman of the Republican county committee. On Nov. 23, 1896, he was married to Elizabeth Davern of Marathon.

**The Canal Board** comprises the Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works. It has supervisory authority over the canals and is required to pass upon all expenditures.



Hyatt, Photo. JAMES DOUGHERTY.

**Horace L. Bronson** was born in the town of Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y., in 1852. He is the senior member of the law firm of Bronson & Davis. He attended the Homer academy and was graduated from the classical course in 1873. He entered the law school at Albany, N. Y., and was graduated from that institution in 1875. Mr. Bronson was elected district attorney of Cortland county in 1885, and was re-elected in 1888. At the expiration of his term of office in 1891 he resumed the general practice of law. In 1897 he formed a partnership with Rowland L. Davis under the firm name of Bronson & Davis, which is known as one of the strongest law firms of our Cortland county bar. Their offices are located at 6, 7 and 8 Burgess block. Mr. Bronson is a Republican in politics and has been several times chairman and secretary of the Republican county committee. He is also largely interested in farming and stock raising, having 400 acres of land upon which he has a large drove of thoroughbred Holstein stock in which he takes great pride. He and his family spend a goodly portion of the summer months at his Little York farm, one of the best equipped of Cortland county's many fine stock farms.



HORACE L. BRONSON.

**Rowland L. Davis** was born at Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., July 10, 1871. He is the son of Major Lucius and Harriet L. Davis. In 1880 they moved to McLean, where Mr. Davis attended school at the academy, and in 1890, he entered the State Normal and Training school at Cortland. In 1892, '93 and '94 he was engaged in the profession of teaching, and in the two latter years was principal of the Chenango Forks academy in Broome county. Subsequently he returned to the Normal, graduating in June, 1896. While in the Normal he was a member of the Young Men's Debating club, now the Delphic Fraternity. The following September, he entered the Cornell College of Law, graduating there in June, 1897, with the degree of LL. B., having completed a two years' course in one year. On July 6, 1897, Mr. Davis was admitted to the bar at Albany, and soon after formed a partnership with Horace L. Bronson of Cortland, for the practice of law, under the firm

name of Bronson & Davis, a partnership which still exists, their offices being Nos. 6, 7 and 8 Burgess block. In March, 1899, he was elected police justice of Cortland village, on the Republican ticket, by a plurality of one hundred, over Charles V. Coon, Democrat, and Charles S. Bull, Independent Republican. Mr. Davis has taken an active interest in politics, and for the past two years has been secretary of the Republican county committee. Socially, he belongs to McLean lodge, No. 328, Knights of Pythias, Cortland lodge, No. 351, A. O. U. W., Cortlandville lodge, No. 470, F. & A. M.

#### Taxes and Valuations, Cortland Co., 1899.—

Total assessed acreage, 312,086.27-400; total town tax, \$68,178.26; total county, \$32,607.19; state for schools, \$9,823.26; state for canals, \$5,093.54; state, general, \$16,200.34. The following were assessed valuations:

	Real Estate.	Personal.
Cincinnatus	\$ 292,905	\$ 30,650 00
Cortlandville	6,390,640	767,127 31
Cuyler	389,372	19,350 00
Freetown	273,556	13,815 00
Harford	275,785	20,775 00
Homer	1,741,415	223,315 00
Lapeer	231,233	10,850 00
Marathon	725,150	143,000 00
Preble	422,890	47,050 00
Scott	246,500	25,650 00
Solon	236,385	5,150 00
Taylor	211,845	13,375 00
Truxton	396,015	23,400 00
Virgil	407,577	21,650 00
Willet	249,718	37,970 00

Total.....\$12,490,986                      \$1,403,127 31

#### State Board of Equalization.—

It is constituted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney-General, Speaker of the Assembly, State Engineer and State Tax Commissioners. They are charged with the duty of equalizing the state tax among the several counties of the state, and fixing the amount of assessment on real and personal property on which the state tax is levied.



ROWLAND L. DAVIS.



Hyatt, Photo. DELOS BAUDER.

**Delos Bauder**, who was proprietor of the Cortland House for about twenty-seven years, was born in the town of Oppenheim, Fulton county, Sept. 18, 1835. Until 27 years of age he remained on the farm. In the spring of 1862 he bought a hotel at Brockett's Bridge (now Dolgeville) and it was there that a successful hotel career of thirty-three years began. When in his 23d year, Oct. 14, 1857, he was married to Lucy Clark of Manheim, Herkimer Co., who died Dec. 13, 1892, and during that year he worked for his father for \$112. After that he rented the farm for four years. He conducted the Brockett's Bridge hotel four years, going to Adams, Jefferson Co., in the spring of 1866, where he bought a hotel which he conducted two years. In the summers of '64 and '65 he spent eight months each at sea, mackeral and codfishing, to recuperate his health. While prospecting for another location in which to go into business Mr. Bauder heard from Dan Baker, an old Cortland boy, that John Wheeler, the proprietor of the Cortland House, desired to sell out. Mr. Bauder reached Cortland that night a perfect stranger, with the money in his pocket. The next day he bought the hotel and returned for his family, coming back to Cortland about the middle of April and taking possession the 28th of the month. The hotel was run down and Mr. Bauder proceeded at once to put it in order, buying \$2,000 worth of furniture in Syracuse and generally fitting up the house in good shape. In August, 1882, he began repairing the old Cortland House, building new on Groton avenue a brick building four stories high, 45 feet front and 90 feet deep, and containing two stores, which he fur-

nished entirely new. That year he fitted the house throughout with steam, the first hotel in Cortland to have steam heat. This work was all finished in the winter—early in '83. When that work was finished he had then laid out \$19,000 on the house, including besides what has been mentioned, chandeliers, 1,600 yards of carpet, new furniture, etc. That year, Nov. 28, the hotel was burned down entirely, the fire originating in the Barber block. A severe blow it must have been, coming so quickly after all of these expenditures. [For an account of the fire see page 105.] April 1, 1884, Mr. Bauder broke ground for the new hotel—the present Cortland House—and on Jan. 28, 1885, the place was opened to the public for business. The construction of a hotel of the dimensions, and after the elaborate plans that were involved in this house, was a matter of considerable interest to Cortland people as a house of that imposing character was in those days regarded as a wonder for a place the size of Cortland. In November, 1889, Lyman P. Rogers took possession of the hotel on a lease of ten years, but a year and ten months later he died and Mr. Bauder again took charge, conducting the hotel down to June 1, 1895, when Mr. Dorris C. Smith, the present landlord, assumed proprietorship of the business and Mr. Bauder retired from active business life. In the spring of 1890 Mr. Bauder bought the property where he now resides, No. 32 Lincoln avenue, and fitted it over in first-class style. Mr. Bauder is a 32nd degree Mason, being a member of the Consistory of Syracuse and of the Yiyara Mystic Shrine of Utica. On April 15, 1896, he was married to Mrs. Mary E. Wood of Greene, N. Y.

**The State Senate**, by an amendment to the Constitution of 1894, was made to consist of fifty members, which is entirely changed by an election every two (the even) years. The districts must consist of contiguous territory, and no county can be divided except when it is entitled to more than one senator. Under the first constitution the senate consisted of twenty-four members, apportioned among four districts, who were by lot divided into four classes, so that the terms of six should expire each year. The census of 1793, by authority of a constitutional provision, enlarged the senate to forty-three. In 1801 the number was reduced to 32, which prevailed until the Constitution of 1894 was adopted. [See List of Senators, 1900, on page 208.]



Borrowed Photo. RUINS OF CORTLAND HOUSE. [See sk., "Big Fire '83," P. 105.]

**The Agricultural Society** was first formed at a meeting held at Hopkins' Hotel, March 30, 1818. On Oct. 1, 1838, at a meeting held in the court house to reorganize the society, John Miller was chosen president, Joseph Reynolds and Peter Walrad, vice-presidents, Rufus Boies, treasurer, and Paris Barber, secretary. The first fair was held at the Eagle Tavern, and afterwards for a time at that place or at the court house. Finally grounds were secured in Homer, which were used until 1857, when the present grounds between the two villages were obtained, and the fairs have been held there ever since. The enclosed grounds comprise 25 acres, and the buildings are built in a modern and substantial manner. A splendid half-mile track is the scene of many interesting trials of speed at the annual fairs. The grand stand was erected at an expense of \$4,500. There are large buildings for the display of exhibits and good stabling accommodations. The annual fairs are very popular and largely attended. Twenty thousand people are said to have attended in 1899. F. H. Sears of Cortland is president, Geo. P. Squires of Marathon, vice-president, W. J. Greenman of Cortland, secretary, and C. F. Brown of Cortland, treasurer.

**First Settlers in Several Towns.**—Homer,



D. F. WALLACE'S RESIDENCE.

Amos Todd and Joseph Beebe, 1791; Cortlandville, John Miller, 1792; Virgil, Joseph Chaplin, 1792; Marathon, Dr. Japheth Hunt, 1794; Cincinnatus, Thaddens Rockwell, 1793; Truxton, Samuel C. Benedict, 1793; Cuyler, Nathaniel Potter, Christopher Whitney, David Morse, Benj. Brown, 1794; Preble, James Cravath, John Gill, 1796; Scott, Peleg Babcock, Samuel and Asa Howard, 1799; Solon, Roderick Beebe, Johnson Bingham, 1794; Freetown, Cyrus Sanders, 1795; Taylor, Ezra Rockwell, 1793; Willet, Ebenezer Crittenden, 1797; Harford, Dorastus De Wolf, 1803; Lapeer, Primus Grant, (colored), 1799.



CORTLAND HOUSE,  
W. S. COPELAND, Proprietor.

THE OLD CORTLAND HOUSE—DELOS BAUDER, PROP'R. "Stand. Ind. Ed."  
Erected by Danforth Merrick, 1829—Burned Nov. 28, 1883. [See "Big Fire of '83," P. 105.]



Hyatt, Photo. WM. H. CLARK.

**The Cortland Standard**—The Cortland County STANDARD was established in June, 1867, by Frank G. Kinney. It was a 4-page, 8-column paper, set in long primer, brevier and nonpareil type. The office was at first where the Garrison block now stands, but after a short time was moved to the third story of the Moore block where the Orris Hose rooms now are. The machinery of the office consisted of a Taylor press, turned by hand, for newspaper work, and one small Gordon job press. In May, 1872, Wesley Hooker purchased the paper, and also purchased and combined with it the Cortland Journal, under the name of the Cortland STANDARD and JOURNAL, put in steam power, and a new half medium Gordon job press and a considerable amount of new type and material, and enlarged the paper to 9 columns to the page. April 1, 1876, the paper was purchased by William H. Clark, Mr. Hooker retiring on account of ill health. The name of the paper was soon after changed to the CORTLAND STANDARD, the word "Journal" being dropped. Jan. 1, 1879, the office was moved to the Mahan building on Courtstreet, where the first cylinder job press was put in. March 1, 1883, the office was again moved to its present quarters in the Standard building. Sept. 10, 1885, the form of the paper was changed to eight pages, seven columns to the page, its present size. May 10, 1892, the WEEKLY STANDARD changed into the semi-weekly, the two papers each week of the same size with the former weekly being furnished at the same price of \$2.00 a year.

March 8, 1892, the first number of the Daily EVENING STANDARD was issued by the firm of Clark & Blodgett, composed of William H. Clark and Edward D. Blodgett, which continued till the organization of the Cortland Standard Printing Co., Aug. 14, 1893, which is composed of Mr. Clark, president; Mr. Blodgett, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. H. G. Joy, who has been for eighteen years the capable, efficient and popular foreman of the job department. The EVENING STANDARD was issued first as a 4-page, 7-column paper, and was changed May 25, 1892, to its present form of

8 pages, 6 columns to the page. July 12, 1892, the Cortland Daily Journal was purchased and merged into the EVENING STANDARD. In January, 1895, the Cortland County Sentinel, published at McGrawville by F. J. Berggren, was purchased, the office, material, machinery, etc., moved to the STANDARD office and the publication of the paper continued as practically a weekly edition of The STANDARD. It was afterwards enlarged to 8 pages, 56 columns, in which form it continues to be published under the old name.

The STANDARD office, both as a newspaper and jobbing establishment, is now one of the largest and best equipped to be found in any place of the size of Cortland in the United States. It occupies 6,500 square feet of floor space on the basement, first and third floors of the Standard building and gives employment to twenty-seven persons. The daily, semi-weekly and weekly editions of the paper are printed on a Cox Duplex Perfecting press, feeding from a roll and capable of turning out 5,000 complete papers, printed, folded, pasted and trimmed per hour. The combined average circulation of the three editions is now nearly 6,000 copies. This circulation in proportion to the population of the county—which is less than 29,000—is probably the largest enjoyed by any country newspaper in the state of New York, if not in the United States.

In the STANDARD'S job department are three cylinder job presses, one of them a large 37 x 52-inch bed, four roller, two revolution, double-inking Huber machine, capable of doing the very finest of book and cut work at a high rate of speed. It is on this press that this Souvenir was printed. There are, besides these presses, four Gordon jobbers and a very full equipment of type, material, etc. A 10-horse power Otto gas engine furnishes the power for the establishment, and both gas and electricity are provided for lighting.

The daily, semi-weekly and weekly editions of The STANDARD speak for themselves as to their character as newspapers. This Souvenir of Cortland, printed entirely in the STANDARD job rooms, shows the kind of work which they are constantly turning out.



Hyatt, Photo. EDWARD D. BLODGETT.

# **The Ancient Order United Workmen**

was organized 31 years ago with a little band of thirteen members. The organization has grown until to-day it counts in round numbers its membership at three hundred and ninety thousand, (390,000), and in that time the homes that have been protected, the millions that have been disbursed, have been raised by the simple and silent contributions made, month by month, by its members; and in all this land, from the rocky shores of Maine to the golden sands of California, from the everglades of Florida to the snows of British Columbia, there is not a member of the Order who will say to-day he

is one penny the poorer because of the contributions that he has made to the protection which has been given to widows and orphans. Month by month they have made their contributions, paying day by day, paying simply for entertainment for a night and day, just what it has cost and nothing more. The organization has continued on in its grand career, meeting every emergency and standing to-day (after thirty-one years of existence) as it stood on the day of its birth, the first and foremost organization for the protection of the home that exists in our land. The members of this organization are bound together by solemn obliga-



THE STANDARD BUILDING.

tions taken around the altar of the Order, that the promises made one to the other shall be kept and fulfilled. No better security can be given than the pledged honor of an honest man. The jurisdiction of New York is only one of twenty-seven jurisdictions that are working to-day upon a plan that is based not upon sentiment, but upon cold calculation of an accomplished Actuary. Cortland Lodge, No. 351, is one of 440 lodges in the State of New York. This lodge was organized thirteen years ago with a membership of forty-five. Wm. Pearson was its first presiding officer. Of its original forty-five, twenty-five are still remaining, five

of whom have passed on over the river, and their families have received the protection promised by the Order. There has come to these homes the sum of \$10,000, which in each instance has been gratefully received. To-day we have 107 members, whose homes are protected by this great Order. The age limits of membership being between 18 and 45, it can readily be seen that the A. O. U. W. is a young men's order, as none other can gain membership therein. The present officers of Cortland Lodge are: P. M. W., Harry Swan; M. W., Jason P. Bump; Foreman, R. L. Davis; Overseer, Fred Bowker; Recorder, C. W. Saunders; Financier, H. H. Pomeroy; Receiver, H. J. Baker; Guide, H. C. Wilcox; J. W., W. W. Williams; O. W., Paul C. Nelson; D. D., W. J. Bunney; Trustees, J. H. Turner, M. E. Sarvay and G. F. Richards. The balance of its membership is composed of professional, mercantile, manufacturers, mechanics, con-



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## **THE STANDARD OFFICES.**

Business Office.

Editorial Rooms.

tractors, and in fact all classes—all those who are by a proper medical examiner and an intelligent investigating committee pronounced worthy of admission. Finally, among the many fraternal organizations which exist in this city, there is none more worthy of the respect and consideration of its citizens than the Ancient Order of United Workmen, composed as it is of over one hundred

augus, 61,496; Cayuga, 64,460; Chautauqua, 78,748; Chemung, 48,810; Chenango, 37,616; Clinton, 46,418; Columbia, 44,812; Cortland, 28,289; Delaware, 45,237; Dutchess, 78,140; Erie, 344,703; Essex, 32,847; Franklin, 40,960; Fulton, 38,504; Genesee, 33,491; Greene, 31,666; Hamilton, 4,450; Herkimer, 47,340; Jefferson, 69,897; Kings, 988,077; Lewis, 30,215; Livingston, 36,843; Madison, 41,031; Monroe, 197,



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#### VIEWS OF THE STANDARD MECHANICAL DEPARTMENTS.

members, and embracing among its number many of our most influential and respected citizens.

**Population of Counties, 1892.**—[This was the last official State Census. The Constitution of 1894 provides that an enumeration shall be taken in the months of May and June, 1905, and in the same months every tenth year thereafter]: Albany, 167,526; Allegany, 49,950; Broome, 63,670; Cattar-

053; Montgomery, 46,074; New York, 1,795,840; Niagara, 64,321; Oneida, 123,669; Onondaga, 151,530; Ontario, 48,282; Orange, 95,500; Orleans, 30,778; Oswego, 70,730; Otsego, 50,255; Putnam, 14,165; Queens, 130,007; Rensselaer, 129,257; Richmond, 52,906; Rockland, 33,208; St. Lawrence, 86,663; Saratoga, 56,645; Schenectady, 34,031; Schoharie, 28,769; Schuyler, 16,791; Seneca, 26,363; Steuben, 80,336; Suffolk, 62,990; Sullivan, 30,529;

Tioga, 29,597; Tompkins, 35,055; Ulster, 87,269; Warren, 28,479; Washington, 46,193; Wayne, 49,345; Westchester, 147,830; Wyoming, 30,967; Yates, 20,662.

**The Oldest Dental Office in Cortland.**—Dr Levi R. Gleason came to Cortland in about 1850 or '52, and opened the first dental office here, and this office has for the past fifty years stood at the head of the dental profession in this section. In 1860 Dr. F. O. Hyatt purchased the business of Dr. Gleason, and six years after he took Dr. George L. Holden as a partner under the firm name of Hyatt & Holden, which lasted until the death of Dr. Holden, in 1877. The year following Dr. G. H. Smith, who had been a student in this office in 1871 and 1872, came to Cortland and formed a co-partnership with Dr. Hyatt. Ten years later, Dr. Hyatt retiring from business, Dr. Smith became the owner of the office, and has since that time spared no money or time to give his patients the best that can be had in his line. Dr. George H. Smith was born in McGrawville, N. Y., on July 24, 1852. He was married to Mary A. Bouton, Dec. 7, 1880. They have one son, Frank Hyatt Smith, eleven years of age.

**The Cortland Conservatory of Music** was established in 1896. The enterprise was successful from the start, and a large number of students were registered the first year, not alone from Cortland, but from many of the surrounding towns. Now the institution is solidly established, and is one of the most flourishing schools of music in Central New York. The Conservatory of Music is located at No 9½ Court street. The founders of the school were: A. E. Darby, B. L. Bentley, as musical di-



Hyatt. Photo. GEORGE H. SMITH.

rectors, and A. Mahan, business director. The members of the faculty the first year were: A. E. Darby, teacher of Violin, Theory and Orchestra; B. L. Bentley, Piano, Organ and Clavier; Clara Grace McKinstry, Voice Culture; Marie Gundlach Weeks, Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar; Fred I. Graham, Band Instruments;

Mrs. Grace E. Hubbard, Elocution and Physical Culture; Mary S. Blackmer, German; Anna W. Blackmer, French and Italian; W. R. Luis, Piano Tuning. The second year George Oscar Bowen took charge of the Vocal department, and an Art department was opened, with Miss Erva Roice as principal. Mr. Thomas Nichols took charge of the small instrument department, in place of Miss Gundlach Weeks in 1898, the third year, and Mr. Bowen purchased the interest of A. Mahan in the Conservatory, and has since that time conducted the business affairs, as well as having charge of the Vocal department. The present faculty is: A. E. Darby, Mus. B., Syracuse University, 1896, Violin, Theory, Orchestra, Ensemble; B. L. Bentley, Mus. B., Syracuse University, 1897, Piano, Organ, Theory, Clavier; George Oscar Bowen, Voice, Chorus, Solfeggio; George C. Murphy, Banjo, Mandolin, Guitar; Fred I. Graham, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Band Instruments; Instructor in Elocution and Physical Cul-



Hyatt. Photos. THE STANDARD BUSINESS OFFICE FORCE.

Charles R. Lord,	Lillie E. Dunn, Cashier.	Charles F. Sarson,
Reporter.	Harlem G. Joy, Foreman.	Canvasser and Collector.
Marion L. Weatherwax,	Charles H. White,	
Subscription Clerk.	Bookkeeper and Collector.	

B. L. BENTLEY.  
Hyatt, Photos.

G. O. BOWEN.

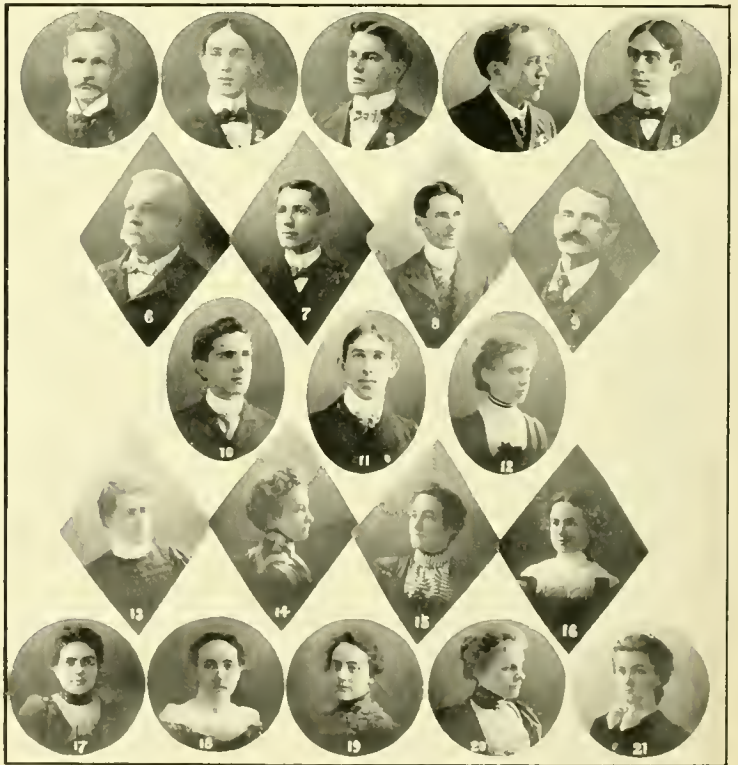
A. E. DARBY.

(See sk., p. 199.)

ture, to be announced; Miss Mattie Briggs, Modern Languages; L. J. Higgins, Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, Painting and Drawing. From the start the

Conservatory of Music has been a pronounced success, far beyond the fondest expectations of the founders, and each year has seen an increase in the number of students, and a very apparent advancement in the grade of work accomplished by them. The influence for good that it has had upon the community is of inestimable value. In June, 1899, the board of trustees of Syracuse University passed an act appointing this school gymnasium or preparatory school of music to the Music Department of the Fine Arts College of the university. This acknowledgment of their esteem by advanced education for the work done by the Conservatory is considered a high honor by the directors. At the close of this year's work in June the first graduating exercises will take place. The closing concerts take place June 18-19-20, and the graduating class concert June 21. Mr. A. E. Darby was born in Cortland in 1865. At the age of two years his home was removed to Homer, where he received his preliminary education, graduating from the Homer Academy in '83. In 1886 he entered Syracuse University as a special student under the instruction of the late Dr. Schultze, the founder of the Boston Mendelssohn Quintette Club. The same year Mr. Darby began his work in Cort-

land as violin instructor, and in 1892 he entered Syracuse University as a regular student, receiving the degree of Mus. B. from that institution in '96. In his Sophomore year Mr. Darby was elected leader of the Banjo and Mandolin Club, a position which he held throughout his course. While at Syracuse he also received thorough orchestra drill under Prof. Conrad L. Becker and Prof. Kuenzlein. Since the establishment of the Conservatory Mr. Darby has had charge of a Symphony orchestra in connection with the institution, and also is leader of the Opera House orchestra. Mr. Darby has also the classes in Theory, having received two years' instruction under Percy Goetschius, the author of the celebrated work, "Material Used in Musical Composition," and four years under Prof. Bearwald of Syracuse University. Burt Legrand Bentley, Mus. B., was born in Dryden, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1868. His musical career began by "picking out" little pieces on an old melodian, and also playing marches for the classes in the school. At fifteen years of age he moved to Homer, and two or three years later was made organist in the old Baptist church in that village, which position he held for two years, during which time he studied pipe organ in the Syra-



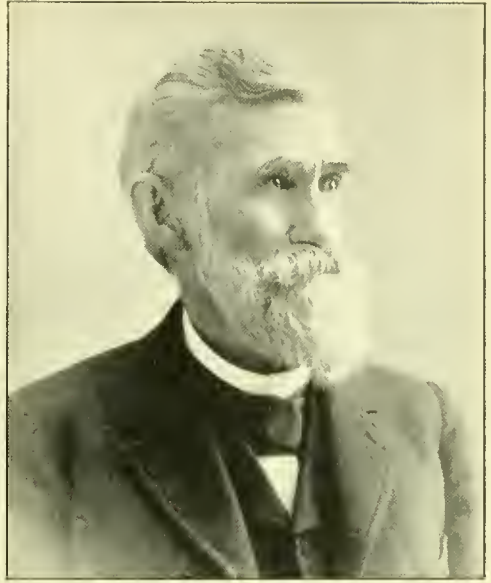
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cuse University. With his earnings in the shop he paid for his musical education, occupying the evenings in studying and practicing. Over ten years ago Mr. Bentley accepted the position of organist in the First Baptist church of Cortland, and later director of music, coming here directly from Homer. In 1893 he entered the Syracuse University to take a complete course in music and kindred studies, and four years later was graduated with honors, and received the degree of Bachelor of Music. For graduation he placed the celebrated Sonata in C minor, by Guilmant, on the magnificent organ in Crouse Hall. He also conducted a large ladies' chorus, who sang his graduating composition, "'Twas On a Bank of Daisies Sweet." George Oscar Bowen, the principal of the Vocal Department and Business Director of the Conservatory, was born near Binghamton, N. Y., in 1873. At the age of sixteen he removed to Binghamton and commenced the study of music. For five years he studied with a local teacher, Mrs. Alex. Brown, to whom he feels he owes much of his success as a singer and teacher. At seventeen he was soloist of the First Baptist Church Quartet Choir, where he remained one year, leaving to take a similar position in the Centenary M. E. church, and after three months went to Trinity Memorial church (Episcopal). Here he remained for more than six years as soloist, resigning to take a more lucrative position at Park Presbyterian church, Syracuse, N. Y. In 1894 Mr. Bowen studied under Frederick A. Bristol of New York city at Martha Vineyard, and in 1895 began study with Dr. Jules Jordan of Providence, R. I., one of the most celebrated teachers of the East. He has been under Dr. Jordan's tuition each year until last summer, when he went to Chautauque, N. Y., to study voice and teachers' training under J. Harry Wheeler of New York city, and sight singing under Lyman S. Leason of Philadelphia. Besides his work in the Conservatory of Music, he is Musical Director of the Cortland Opera Co., Cortland Choral Society, and the Chorus Choir of the First Methodist church in this place.

**Yager & Crandall**, proprietors of the Fair store in the Brockway block, Homer, succeeded the firm of Yager & Marshall on July 4, 1898, to the business which was then being carried on in the Hakes block, South Main street. In October, 1895, Mr. Wm. G. Crandall, who takes full control of the business, came to Homer as the manager of Yager & Marshall's store, which at that time was opened up as an entire new business at the corner of Main and James streets. The business was so well managed as to make what was originally intended as a holiday business, a permanent Homer



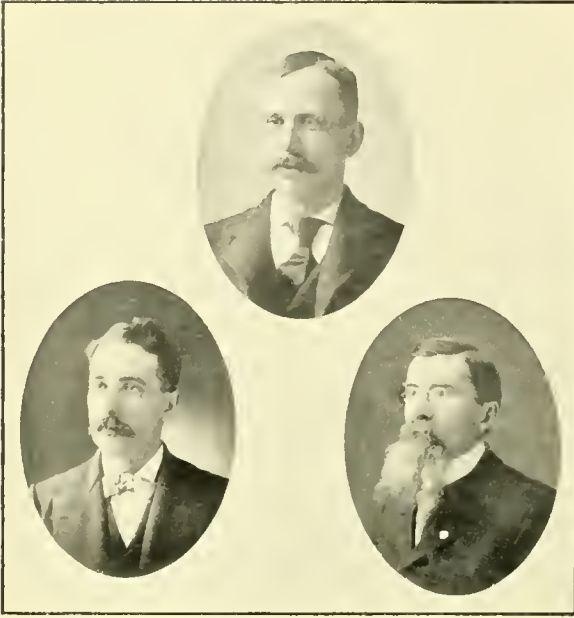
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branch store. Trade increased to that extent that more room was required and in April, 1897, the store was moved into the Hakes block. On March 1, 1899, Yager & Crandall, finding that still more room was a necessity, and securing the lease of the large store in the Brockway block occupied by them at present, moved into their new quarters. This gives them the use of three floors which are fully stocked with all variety of goods that are useful for house furnishings and ladies' and gentlemen's wear, including dry goods, which was added after moving into the Brockway block, underwear and hosiery, which are among the leading lines, crockery, lamps, tinware and a variety of other lines too numerous to mention. Mr. Crandall was born in Georgetown, Madison county, Jan. 2, 1876, and in May, 1895, was graduated from Lowell's Business college in Binghamton, coming from there to Cortland and in the fall of the same year entering the store of Yager & Marshall in that village as cashier, which position he held until he was sent to Homer to carry on a holiday trade, which resulted, however, in locating there permanently. Mr. Crandall is a member of several societies and is actively identified with the Homer Baptist church.

**Dr. F. O. Hyatt** was born Sept. 14, 1829, at Otego, Otesego Co., N. Y. He was the son of Lewis and Electa Stewart Hyatt. He started out for himself at an early age. He was a bright student and had many varied talents, as a musician and artist. He went into the watch and jewelry business at Honesdale, Pa., and a little later located at Towanda, Pa., where he studied dentistry under Drs. McIntosh and L. B. Hyatt. He became proficient in this line and remained at Towanda until 1848, when he removed to Marathon, N. Y., where he followed his profession six



YAGER & CRANDALL'S FAIR STORE. HOMER, N. Y.  
W. G. Crandall. Crockery Department.



H. I. JENKINS. H. P. DAVIS. F. P. HAKES.  
(Photos by Harris and Butler.)

years. He married Julia E. Bouton of Marathon, N. Y., May 17, 1856, and in 1858 settled in Cortland, where he enjoyed the best of prosperity, and still found time to follow his aesthetic tastes. His landscapes and portrait work gained flattering recognition from competent critics and brought remunerative returns. Besides painting many valuable pieces he found time to instruct pupils. In the fire on the corner of West Court and Main streets, May 24, 1884, Dr. Hyatt lost one hundred and fifty choice paintings. The doctor was a great lover of music and spent much time in its study. He organized, and was leader of a band, and later of an orchestra. In civic affairs he was alert, fearless and incorruptible. He served five years in the volunteer fire department of Cortland, a part of the time as its head. Of a nervous temperament, he was ever active beyond his strength. They built their pleasant home at 182 Main street in 1864. Dr. Hyatt died Sept. 23, 1895, at the age of 66 years.

#### Davis, Jenkins & Hakes

is an insurance firm composed of Lewis Davis, Harley P. Davis, Henry I. Jenkins and Frank P. Hakes, who succeeded the firm of L. Davis & Son, Jan. 1, 1894. They have built up a desirable business by strict honesty and attention to business, and do an extended business, spreading out to all adjoining counties. If you wish for an Accident, Life, Health, Fire, Casualty, Liability or Fidelity policy, call on them. Henry I. Jenkins was born in St. Lawrence county in 1859, where he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business until 1890, when he turned his atten-

tion to life insurance, representing the Traveler's Insurance Co. of Hartford, which company the above firm represents in all its departments. Mr. Jenkins is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Vesta lodge, No. 255. Another growing feature in the business is the Fidelity and Surety branch. They represent the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee Co. of Baltimore, and issue bonds of all kinds, including administrator, executor, and for all offices of trust. Lewis Davis was born at Marathon, Cortland Co., in 1821. Until 1885 he was engaged in contracting and building. He has been a resident of Cortland for forty years. Harley P. Davis was born in 1869 in Cortland and has always lived there. He engaged in the insurance business in March, 1885, under the firm name of L. Davis & Son. On January, 1894, Henry I. Jenkins and Frank P. Hakes were admitted to the firm under the above title. He is an Odd Fellow, being a member of Vesta lodge, No. 255, and also a member of the Cortland fire department, of which he was elected chief engineer, Jan. 1, 1900. Frank P. Hakes, the junior member of this firm, was born at Pitcher, Chenango Co., N. Y., Dec. 6, 1852. He lived there until Jan. 1, 1894, when he removed to Cortland. He was engaged in the mercantile business twenty years at his old home. In 1883 he was elected supervisor of the town of Pitcher and re-elected ten succeeding years, and

was supervisor when he removed from the county. He was chairman of the Chenango county board of supervisors for two terms, being chosen chairman in 1890 and again in 1891. He is a member of the Masonic societies of Cortland, being the present Master of Cortlandville lodge, No. 470, Past Commander of Cortland Commandery, and Past High Priest of Cortland Chapter. He is also a member of John L. Lewis lodge, I. O. O. F. He is also president of the Tioughnioga club and one of the trustees of the Cortland Savings bank.

**Earliest Schools in Cortland County.**—The first in Homer was opened in 1798. In other towns the earliest schools were as follows: Cincinnatus, 1797; Marathon, 1803; Preble, 1801; Scott, 1803; Solon, 1804; Truxton, 1799; Taylor, 1810; Hartford, 1806.



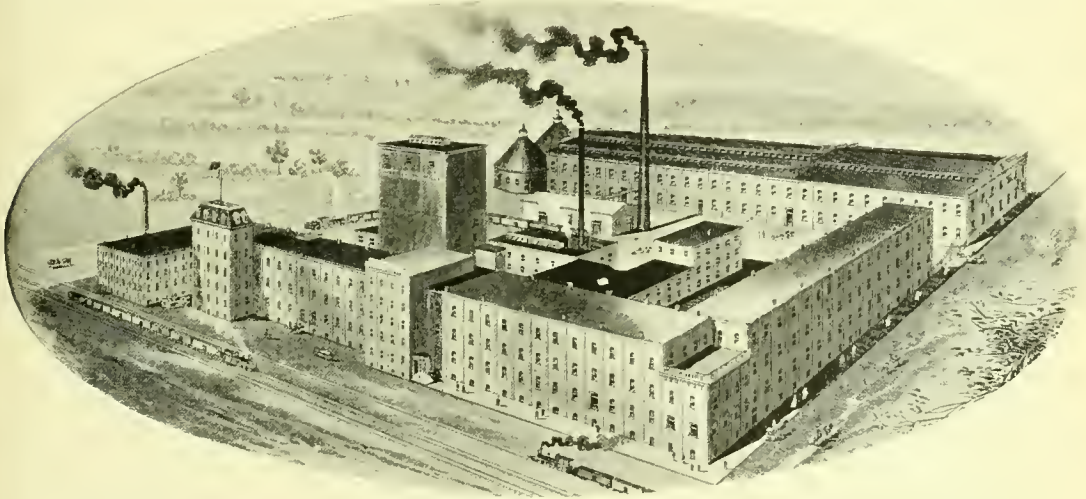
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THEODORE H. WICKWIRE'S RESIDENCE.

**Wickwire Brothers.**—The largest and most prosperous manufacturing industry in Cortland to-day is the wire industry of Wickwire Bros., established in 1873 and incorporated in 1892. The business was fairly commenced in 1874, on Main street, in the rear of the hardware store on the site now occupied by H. M. Kellogg. It was continued there in connection with the hardware business until the spring of 1876, when the hardware was disposed of and the entire attention of Messrs. C. F. and T. H. Wickwire was given to the wire business alone. The industry at first included only the manufacture of wire cloth and wire goods, but in 1881 the drawing of fine wire was begun in the large brick building which was erected on land purchased of Mr. W. R. Randall, just south of the then Elmira, Cortland and Northern railroad, now the Lehigh Valley, on Main street, and which forms part of the present immense plant. In 1884 the wire-weaving and wire goods department was also moved down to this location and there established. The plant has steadily increased in size from the outset, until now it includes a main building 387 feet by 45 along the L. V. railroad, and 190

ings contain six and one-half acres of floor space.

The lot on which the plant stands includes nearly nine acres. Only three acres were purchased in 1880, when the erection of the wire mill was begun. The works employ on an average six hundred hands, with a pay-roll of about \$6,500 a week the year round. Though various kinds of wire-cloth are manufactured, the largest product is cloth suited for door and window screens, which is made of steel wire, either painted or galvanized. A special brand of wire-cloth known as "Wickwire Bronze Cloth" is also manufactured, besides cloth for sieves, riddles and other wire-cloth goods. In wire goods, the concern manufactures coal sieves, corn poppers, dish covers, and other household specialties, all in various styles. Poultry nettings are now one of the leading lines manufactured by the company, and, like all its other goods, rank as the best on the market. Wickwire Brothers were the first concern in the world to manufacture wire-cloth for window screens with two selvages for all widths, also the first to manufacture wire-cloth from hard drawn steel wire.



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WICKWIRE BROTHERS' WIRE WORKS.

x 45 on Main street, comprising three stories and a basement, and built of brick. Besides the main building, there is a box shop and sieve building 45 x 80 feet, also boiler houses and engine rooms connected on the rear; a paint tower 32 x 60 feet, seven stories high; wire mill 300 x 90 feet, two stories and basement; annealing and cleaning houses, consisting of two circular buildings, 60 feet in diameter. The cut accompanying this article showing the above described buildings includes less than half the present plant, and shows only those buildings erected down to the year 1895. During the last four years the company has gone into the manufacture of poultry nettings on an immense scale, and the size of the plant has been more than doubled, in order to provide facilities for this work, as well as for the increased demand for other products. The various buildings now making up the works are so located that no one photograph could begin to show them all. Only a bird's-eye-view, such as the one of the works in 1895, from which the accompanying cut is taken, could give any idea of the present plant, and the drawing which was being made was not completed in time for this Souvenir. Some idea of the size of the plant, however, may be formed from the fact that the build-

The company claims to have the best equipped factory and largest capacity for manufacturing goods in its line in the United States, and probably in the world. The machinery used in weaving, spooling, painting and finishing wire-cloth has all been invented by members of the company. During recent years the works have been running a considerable portion of the time day and night, and they are to-day the greatest factor in the prosperity of Cortland. The corporate name of the company is "Wickwire Brothers," and the present officers are: C. F. Wickwire, president; T. H. Wickwire, secretary and treasurer; and A. F. Stilson, superintendent.

**The Indians** who, anterior to the settlement of the whites in this county, made the valleys and uplands their hunting grounds, are said to have been the Lenapes and the Mingoes. Tradition relates that the only Indian settlement within the bounds of the present county was that of the Lenapes, and was located on the Tioughnioga river at the mouth of Cold Brook, in the village of Homer. It was destroyed by a band of Mingoes.

**Cooper Bros.** foundry and machine works stand on the site of the old Nelson Spencer paper mill which was erected about 1823. The original buildings—or at least one of them, stood as late as down to Nov. 26, 1895, when Cooper Bros. were cleaned out by fire. The latter then rebuilt on a larger scale and to accommodate a growing industry, so that since then their buildings have been as modern and substantial as those of any of the manufacturers in Cortland. The main building laying north and south parallel with the course of the stream which furnishes the water power, the Tioughnioga, is 80 x 230 feet. It is crowned with a broad, sloping roof, low eaves and high centre, and is floored in brick. Alongside on the east, resting on the stream, is the power house 40 feet square, and on the side toward the village are the store houses and stables. Messrs. Cooper have constructed very pretty residences facing River street, directly in front of the works, and taken altogether they have considerably built up that edge of the town, a section of the village which is most favorable for residential or industrial development. In February, 1881, the Messrs.

When on the night, or morning of the conflagration they made a search of the ruins, not a piece of anything that was connected with the plant that was combustible could be found. Not a stick large enough to kindle a bonfire. The patterns—a loss barely possible of being estimated—were consumed and the work of months and years was no longer available. But, Messrs. Cooper set to work and constructed new buildings. And in just one year to a day from the time of the fire they opened the gates and set the machinery in the new and commodious buildings in motion. In rebuilding, they designed single story structures. Money and time are wasted where men have to carry loads up and down stairs. Thus they reasoned and who will dispute the proposition? They have plenty of land and can expand horizontally to greater advantage than vertically. The buildings are well lighted and ventilated. They are not charred or begrimed with grease and smoke. They are kept bright with paint. Electricity is used for lighting the buildings and the power obtained from the river runs the dynamos as well as the machinery. The power house is



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COOPER BROTHERS' MACHINE SHOP AND FOUNDRY.

Coopers came down from the farm and bought the buildings and sixteen acres of ground. The old paper mill had long, prior to that time, become an oil mill. As they found it, there was a main structure two and a half stories, 40 x 80, with a lean-to or addition, 24 x 32. Later a building 30 x 60 to be used for a foundry was constructed. All were destroyed by the fire of that November morning, 1895. The real value of the property of course lay in the water power which the Cooper Bros. rely upon wholly and which rarely fails them. An old house, which had been moved up against the shops, the Coopers tore down. In June, 1881, they took possession and set three men at work—themselves and another. There was plenty of room then. They proceeded to build anything and everything in the line of machinery, or parts of machinery. Methods were somewhat crude as compared with the present time. Machinists in the past twenty years have made rapid strides in developing means of construction. But Cooper Bros. took hold, as men who succeed always do, and (dollar-upon-dollar, job-after-job), built up a big paying machine jobbing and repairing busi-

ness. During the time Messrs. Cooper have occupied this plant they have supplied 200 flour mills with parts of machinery which were wholly constructed and many times designed in these shops. Anything in the general line of work that may be called for at a foundry and machine works can be done here; any pattern that may be desired can be made upon order, even the principal involved in the design being supplied, if desired, for Cooper Bros. are ingenious. Among other things they supply shafting, hangers, pulleys, couplings, belting, mill supplies, milling machines or die sinkers and foot hammers. The Spencer paper mill is an historic enterprise, which is more fully described in "The Early Industries," on page 93. The site of the plant is on the west bank of the Tioughnioga thirty rods below the point where the east and west branches unite. It is plain that the water power, with a head from both of those streams, is sufficient for a considerable manufacturing plant. Mr. Lester Cooper was born Sept. 26, 1842, and George F. Cooper, Feb. 22, 1853. Their native place was Smithville, Chenango Co. In 1860 the

family, the parents with their two boys, moved in to the town of Cortlandville, settling upon a farm on the Truxton road north-east of Cortland. The two boys in 1877 started a machine shop in a small way upon this farm. With them time and money were cheap, and jobbing for the farmers became lucrative. Four years' experience of that sort fitted them for building up the business they have since done. Lester Cooper and Libbie E. Hayes of Cortland were married September 26, 1871. George F. Cooper and Emma J. Graham of Cortland were married February 28, 1878.



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D. W. VAN HOESEN'S RESIDENCE.

### DAVID HANNUM OF HOMER.

BY C. S. MARTIN.

When Edward Noyes Westcott gave to the printer "Dave Hannum" he made both himself and Cortland county famous, for no history of this section will ever be complete unless mention in some manner is made of this typical dweller of central New York, who lived and breathed in real life in the person of David Hannum of Homer, who is known by hundreds of people here and readily recognized, although Westcott tried to disguise him in his book, by picturing him as uncouth and unacquainted with the uses of society, and by giving him uncultured dialect, none of which characteristics were his.

Homer, which Westcott has represented as Homeville, is one of the prettiest villages in the

Tioughnioga Valley. With its three thousand inhabitants, it nestles among the high hills which protect it from the cold winds in winter. A landscape gardener must have been engaged to lay it out. Its streets are wide and on either side stand shade trees of gigantic proportions forming an arch of green in the summer months when the foliage is in full bloom. The residents of Homer comprise very largely people in easy circumstances or those who are possessed of a great abundance. It is a cultured community and for years has been the seat of high class academic teachings. While many characteristics of David Hannum are recognized in "David Harum" there are those having lived in Homer all their lives who deny that Westcott has to any extent reproduced all sides of the man's character.

As Homeville is supposed to represent Homer, so Buxton Hill is considered to be a synonym of Truxton, the road to which, represented as "Harum's" favorite drive, is picturesque and pretty.

David Hannum's only connection with a bank was that of a depositor in his palmy days, and a seeker of favors when adversity overtook him. He was a horse trader and patent rights man, shrewd, and, so long as he confined himself to that line of trading, successful. It was when he had accumulated a comfortable fortune and turned to land speculation that he lost everything. He might have cleaned up his reality at a big margin, but he indulged in visions of greater promise, and he went out with the bottom of the land boom. Broad acres were turned into hay fields, and when the New York hay buyers, who had contracted for the hay, failed, and prices went down, he was left in the lurch. He saw his land go, piece after piece, under the hammer. But he continued to keep up appearances. He kept to the very last a stable filled with fine horses. Between horses and children he divided his affections. More especially had he turned his attention to children because of the memory of a lost darling, a boy, the fruit of the second marriage, upon whom he had doted, who at 9 years of age, was laid in the grave. He had always told of great things this boy would do when grown up. Dave was mar-



A SCENE ON THE ROAD TO TRUXTON—HOMER, N. Y.  
Mrs. P. K. Barker, Photo. ["Buxton Hill," in "David Harum,"]



DAVID HANNUM OF HOMER.

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ried twice. By his first wife, Charlotte Hitchcock, to whom he was married when 40 years old, there was born a girl, who died when she was 12 years old. Then, a few years later the mother died, and the loss of both was a deep affliction. Some years later when he felt the need of a helping hand, Dave Hannum married Lois Babcock. She was a cousin of the mother of Edward Noyes Westcott, the author of "David Harum." Then came the birth of the son in whom the father's affections were centered. The death of the wife and mother occurred after that of the son and Hannum's cup of sorrow overflowed.

From that time his life gradually approached its close in the darkest shadow of worldly affliction. The hero of that imaginary Christmas mortgage episode in which "David Harum" destroyed the last evidence of indebtedness which he held against the penniless widow and then begged that in lieu of that debt he should be permitted to retain the silver dime which her late husband had given him when he was a boy, lost none of his geniality during his severest trials. He watched his possessions taken from him one at a time without a murmur or a word of protest. He was forced into poverty, fighting every inch of ground, but retaining to the last all of the traits and characteristics of Dave Hannum of early life and above all his inherent good nature. There were in the midst of his darkest hours many flashes of humor that have often since been told with a relish. When he was in funds nobody found it difficult to collect from him a debt. Toward the last when he had to live on the lining of an empty purse he now and then found an expedient to turn away a creditor. A \$100 bill to which he tenaciously clung, was often returned unbroken by a dunning creditor who couldn't change it. And it finally became a rare joke which Dave's cronies hugely enjoyed. But, alas! one day that \$100 certificate suddenly, to Dave's chagrin and amazement, changed ownership. The change, something like \$98 in small silver coin, was poured out of a shot bag and counted out piece by piece—and one creditor went away satisfied. The laugh that went up from the crowd sunning themselves

in front of the Mansion House found quick response in Dave's invitation to step inside and have something.

"Do others or they'll do you, and do them fast," is undoubtedly one of Dave Hannum's sayings, generally applied by himself to correct unfavorable impressions some one may have obtained where Dave had got the best of a horse trade. It was the trait by which Dave unquestionably made a fortune. He began on that line when as a youngster he shook the old farm, and, leaving Deacon Zelates Hannum to mourn a wayward son, started out for an itinerant stove dealer to peddle stoves. When Dave returned after the load was sold it was with a much better team of horses than that with which he had started. So it may well be imagined that he was not required to answer for his audacity in trading his employer's team. It gave him confidence in his ability to trade horses at the same time pursuing the "commission job" in stoves and making it pay. Dave was just a year cutting eye-teeth on a commission. Then he turned his talents wholly to his own credit. His conversational powers were equal to the best in that section at least. Consequently patent rights, such as churns, hay forks—many people in Homer are still living who regret Hannum and the hay fork—dish washers and innumerable et ceteras, flashed across his orbit at times with the brilliancy and number of November shooting stars. As an illustration: He took dinner with Will Smith, between Cortland and Homer, one day. There he saw a dish washer. The country had been sold with it. He looked up the owner of the "rights," bought him out, and then went out and, as he said, caught "another" sucker. He never barred "fakes." He was one of the original owners of the Cardiff giant, and it is said eventually cleared up \$15,000 out of it after buying out his partners and taking it down East.

His natural bent was for trades and deals of that character, and when after acquiring a comfortable fortune, as had been said, he turned his attention to investments in land and flunked,



Harris, Photo.

IKE FINN.

["Dick Larrabee," in "David Harum."]

few of his best acquaintances were surprised. More than all other things, except the death of his children, which grieved Dave Hannum, was to see his horses go. Westcott represents "Harum's" factotum as Dick Larrabee, who assisted him out of many a scrape. It is probable that Ike Finn, a public cab driver of Cortland, with headquarters at the Messenger House, who was "chummy" with Dave Hannum, best represents Dick Larrabee, if indeed he was not actually selected by the author as the original of that character. Ike boasts of his relations with Dave Hannum, and, incidentally, speaks with pride of the time he drove Gov. Hill around Cortland in a four-in-hand of whites. Dave Hannum's last "pair" which he saved from the sheriff was a team of dapple greys which Ike drove out of the stable at midnight after Dave had locked up for the night and left turned loose out of reach of the sheriff. Dave finally sold the team and they were placed in a Cortland livery stable where Dave often visited them out of the real love which he bore them.

**Village Pavements.**—In 1896 Railroad street was paved with brick; in 1898 Main street with asphalt, and in 1899 Tompkins and Port Watson streets and Lincoln avenue with asphalt. On March 30, 1896, an amendment to the village charter, known as the paving act, under the provisions of which the pavements were laid, became a law. It was drafted by Judge Stratton S. Knox and introduced into the legislature by F. P. Saunders, member from this county. It, in brief, provided for assessing two-thirds of the cost of a pavement, after deducting that portion included in street crossings and intersections, upon the abutting property owners. The village paid the balance and the entire cost of the pavement laid within the bounds of street intersections and crossings. The Traction Co., who occupy Main and a part of Railroad streets, was assessed a share of the cost of the pavement in those streets, as provided in the terms of its franchise, the amount assessed upon the company being credited wholly to the village. The authority for laying a street pavement rested wholly with the village trustees, except that none could be ordered unless asked for by a petition signed by the owners of over one-half of the lineal feet of abutting property.

The bonds issued to cover the unpaid share of the local assessment for all of the pavements mature in ten years, one-tenth being payable each year. Series A, covering the cost of the village



Harris, Photo. OLD HOMER NATIONAL BANK.  
[Suppositious Bank of "David Harum."]

share of the Railroad street pavement, mature in 1902 and 1903. Series A for the Main street pavement mature in several equal annual installments, viz: 1907-'11 inclusive, and 1915-'18 inclusive. Inasmuch as the village could not at the same time very well take care of the same series issued for the cost of the pavements in Tompkins and Port Watson streets and Lincoln avenue without providing an unusual tax levy, it was decided to make them full term bonds, maturing in 1920, and thereby obtain advantage of high premiums. At the time of the issue of bonds for the pavements in Tompkins and Port Watson streets and Lincoln avenue, bids for which were opened March 8, 1900, the total bonded indebtedness of the village, exclusive of that issue, was \$133,720.51. The assessed valuation of the village in 1899 was upwards of six million dollars.

The cost of the Railroad street brick pavement, which was laid from Main street to the main tracks at the crossing of the D., L. & W. R. R., was \$20,940.10, of which the property owners' share was \$11,295.99. The length of the pavement is 2,200 linear feet.

The Main street asphalt pavement laid from near the intersection of East Main street to the Lehigh Valley railroad crossing, and about a mile in length, cost \$75,000, of which the property owners paid \$42,751.12, and the Traction Co. \$10,873.33.

The Tompkins street pavement (asphalt), extending from Main street to and including the front of the cemetery grounds, a distance of 2,500 linear feet, cost \$28,450, the local property paying \$17,393.36.

The Port Watson street pavement (asphalt), from Main street to the crossing of the D., L. & W. tracks, which is also 2,500 linear feet, cost \$25,150, of which the abutting property paid \$15,222.77.

The Lincoln avenue pavement (asphalt), cost \$8,500. It extends from Main street to Homer avenue, 1,100 linear feet, and the property owners' share was \$5,552.83.



DAVID HANNUM'S RESIDENCE.  
Dr. Braman Photo.

["David Harum's" Res.] 41,375 men have been killed in battle.

**What War Means.**—The last two years



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J. H. TALMADGE.

**The Cortland Buggy Company** are engaged in the wholesale manufacture of wagons, carriages, and sleighs at 16 and 18 Duane street. For the past nine years the business was carried on at 19 Port Watson street, but on Feb. 8, 1900, the place was burned out and the following week the shops on Duane street were opened for work. Twelve years ago the same parties started the business at Nos. 27 and 29 Port Watson street, where it was carried on for three years. From the beginning J. H. Talmadge directed the affairs of the company, being then, as he is now, the general manager. He has lived in Cortland for nineteen or twenty years, and for five or six years prior to that time was a resident of Marathon, having been born in Liberty, Sullivan Co. He first learned the trade of carriage painter and during the first few years he lived in Cortland was a contractor in different shops in the village. In the present business he is engaged in the manufacture of a general line of wagons which are sold to jobbers, and has a large city trade, for the reason that a specialty is made of the fine line of vehicles.

**State Senators, 1900.**—[See State Senate, page 194]—1st Dist. John L. Havens; 2nd, James Norton; 3d, Thomas H. Cullen; 4th, David Floyd Davis; 5th, Michael J. Coffey; 6th, Wm. J. LaRoche; 7th, Patrick H. McCarren; 8th, Henry Marshall; 9th, Joseph Wagner; 10th, John Frances Ahearn; 11th, Timothy D. Sullivan; 12th, Samuel J. Foley; 13th, Bernard F. Martin; 14th, Thomas F. Grady; 15th, N. A. Elsberg; 16th, Louis Munzinger; 17th, Geo W. Plunkitt; 18th, Maurice Featherston; 19th, J. Ford; 20th, Thos. F. Donnelly; 21st, Richard H. Mitchell; 22nd, Wm. J. Graney; 23d, Louis F. Goodsell; 24th, H. S. Ambler; 25th, Jacob Rice; 26th, W. L. Thornton;

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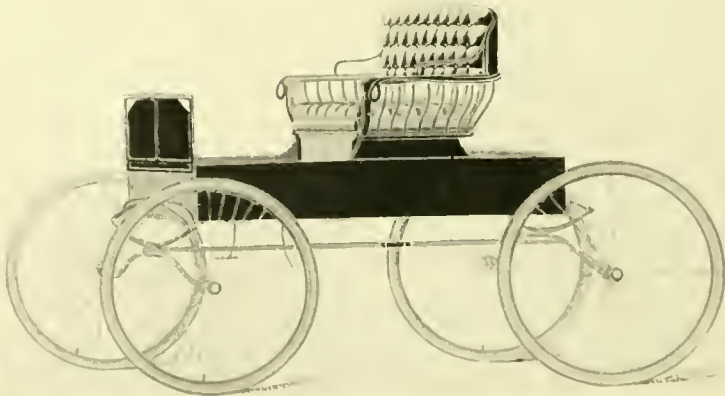
27th, Hobart Krum; 28th, Edgar T. Brackett; 29th, Curtis N. Douglass; 30th, Frank M. Boyce; 31st, George Chahoon; 32nd, George R. Maltby; 33d, James D. Feeter; 34th, Henry J. Coggeshall; 35th, Elon R. Brown; 36th, Nevada N. Stranahan; 37th, Horace White; 38th, William E. Johnson; 39th, Benj. Martin Wilcox; 40th, Charles T. Willis; 41st, F. D. Sherwood; 42nd, John Raines; 43d, Cornelius R. Parsons; 44th, William W. Armstrong; 45th, T. E. Ellsworth; 46th, L. H. Humphrey; 47th, W. F. Mackey; 48th, S. J. Ramsperger; 49th, Geo. A. Davis; 50th, F. W. Higgins.

**Rev. Robert Clements** of Cuba, N. Y., was on Feb. 22, 1900, called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Cortland by a unanimous vote of the church and society. He has accepted the call and will enter upon his pastoral duties in Cortland April 1. He succeeds Rev. John Timothy Stone, who on March 1 went to Baltimore, Md., to accept the pastorate of the Brown Memorial Presbyterian church, following Rev. Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D., called to the Brick Presbyterian church of New York city. Mr. Clements was born in Schenectady, N. Y., thirty-five years ago. He was a graduate of Union college, at Schenectady, in 1891, and of Auburn Theological seminary, Auburn, N. Y., in 1894, where he was a classmate of his predecessor, Rev. Mr. Stone. Mr. Clements and Mr. Stone were two of the six honor men of the class on the commencement stage. Since graduation he has been the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Cuba. He is unmarried.

**Union Street** was laid out in 1865, according to Mr. H. B. Hubbard's best recollection, by Farrington O. Hyatt and Orrin R. Robinson, who bought a strip of land lying south of the north line of the street and cut it up into building lots. All that tract was then pasture. This street was made four rods wide, wherein lies the beauty of the street. Reynolds avenue was not laid out until several years later.

**The County House**, originally erected by John Keep with 188 acres of land, was purchased by the county in March, 1836, for \$5,000. Subsequently a new structure was erected and in 1882 a building for the insane was constructed.

**The Population of Towns**, Cortland county, in 1810, was as follows: Homer, 2,975; Solon, 1,263; Virgil, 906; Cincinnati, 1,525; Preble, 1,179; Truxton, 1,031.



CORTLAND BUGGY CO'S BIKE WAGON.

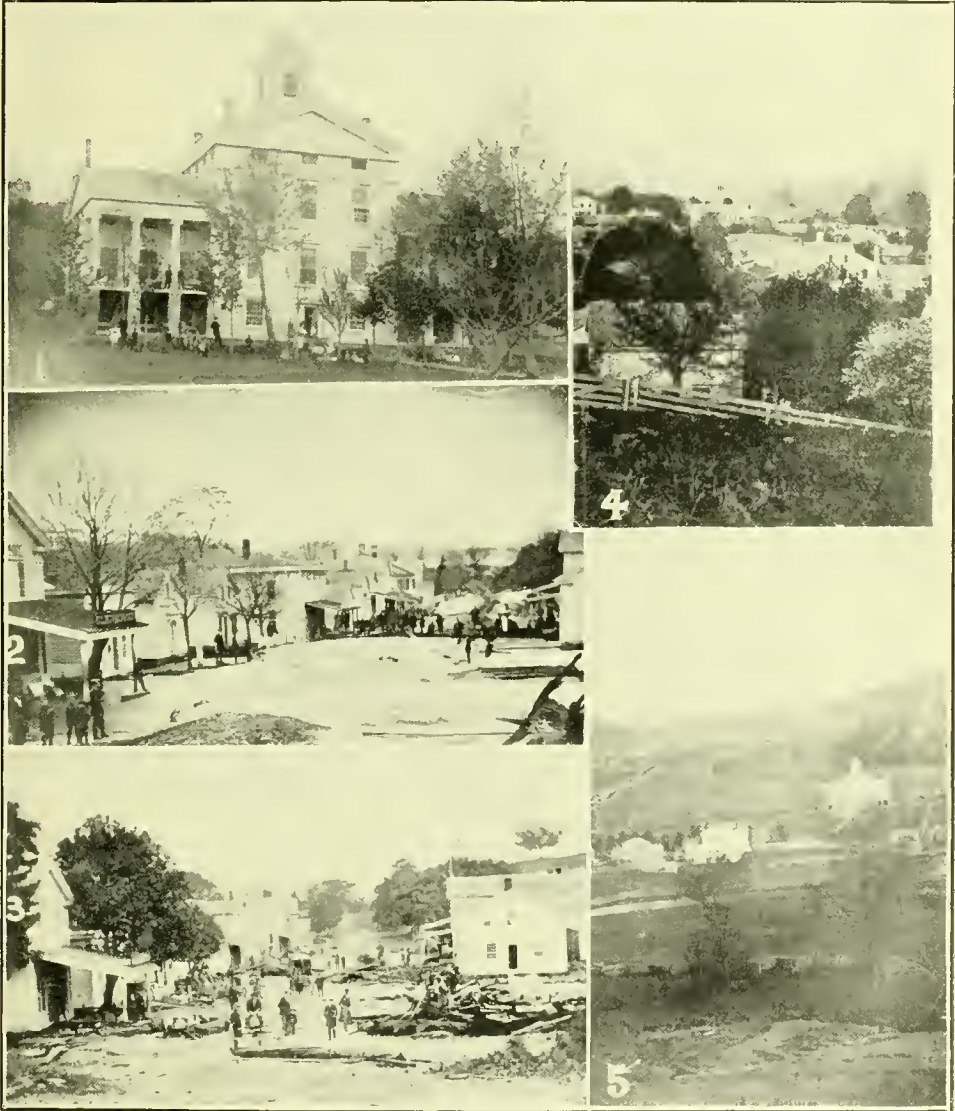
# McGraw, N. Y.

BY B. T. BURLINGHAM.



McGraw, N. Y., is a thriving industrial community five miles east of Cortland, and is the principal station on the E. & C. N. Y. R. R. It has many city conveniences, including electric lights and an electric road. On account of a similarity of names the

upon the name of the village, it still remains McGrawville. As the corporate limits include but a portion of the community, both names are used in this sketch as correct. Samuel McGraw, from whom the post-office and village take their name, was born in Plymouth, Vt., in 1772, and came to this county in 1801, settling near Blodgett Mills.



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## ANCIENT McGRAWVILLE.

1. New York Central College, 1863. 2. Main street—Flood of 1863. 3. Main street—Flood of 1863. 4. Birdseye View of Church Heights, 1863. 5. College Grounds from Main street, 1863.

post-office department, April 1, 1898, changed the name of this office from McGrawville to McGraw. For similar reasons the two railway companies, the United States Express Co., the Western Union Telegraph Co., and the Empire State Telephone Co. adopted the new name. The State Board of Regents changed the name of the school to The McGraw Union School. No action having been taken

In 1806 he purchased a piece of land one mile in length, and containing 125 acres, for which he paid \$500. This extended across Lot 79 North and South, and the east line was what is now South street. Upon his arrival here in 1806 he built the first log house on the site of Robert Clegg's residence, and in 1811 built the first frame house directly opposite. In 1807 Jonathan Taylor bought for \$109

fifty acres in the northeast corner of Lot 79, and in 1813 the land between this and the main road, upon which he built a log house, near where C. H. Waters now lives. In 1809 William Hicks settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, B. D. Hicks. In 1801 Meade Merrill, who was a Revolutionary soldier, settled upon Lot 78, his military tract being a mile square. He built a house where F. C. Welch's residence now stands, and in 1806 built the "Gambrel roof barn," which

in 1822 he built the store now occupied by W. E. Miner, where at the time of his death, in 1849, he was one of the three leading merchants in the county. In 1834 Marcus, another son of Samuel, built the A. J. Sweet store, with the Gilbertson store as a horse shed. In 1840 this was enclosed and P. Bacon Davis opened a hat store therein. In 1835 Hiram (another son) and Ario Wilcox started a store where the shop of J. E. Seymour and Samuel Taylor is now located. It was about this time that Curtis L. Kinney started a tailor shop, and in 1837 a general store where O. D. Perry is now located. In 1843 Eli Smith opened a hardware store in the older portion of Dr. Hendrick's office building, which he later remodeled and in 1863 sold to Pliny W. Ayers and moved into the building now occupied by David Dodge as a residence, and which then stood where the handsome Shuler building now stands.

It is impossible in this space to mention all the business men of the past and present, but at the present time the large-



"THE CORNER STORE."

est dealers are Maricle & Johnson of the "Corner Store." This firm consists of George H. Maricle and Holland C. Johnson, two young men who started in business in 1894, and have since built up an extensive trade. In 1898 they purchased the building occupied by them, and now utilize two floors of their large double store, where the different departments of dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps, groceries, crockery and wall paper are crowded to their extreme limit, and six salesmen are kept busy. Besides their store they are the proprietors of the coal and wood yards connected with the Cortland & Homer Traction Co., and are the largest buyers of country produce in town. Mr. Maricle is village treasurer, member of the board of education, and leader of the Corset City Band. Mr. Johnson is treasurer of the board of education, and both are active Odd Fellows.

The furniture and undertaking business, of which Lorenzo Parsons is proprietor, dates back to 1840, when James Sanderson had a cabinet shop and made coffins. Later Col. Alfred Green purchased

Harris, Photo. MARICLE & JOHNSON.  
George H. Maricle, Holland C. Johnson.

was for many years a noted landmark known all over the state. While this barn was being shingled a total eclipse of the sun caused such darkness that the workmen were compelled to suspend work for more than two hours. Meade Merrill was a brother of John Merrill, who later settled on a portion of this tract, and father of Rensselaer Merrill. In 1818 Harry McGraw, son of Samuel, bought some goods of the Randalls in Cortland, and opened the first store in his father's old log cabin. In

a one-horse hearse, and was succeeded by R. B. Fletcher, who in 1864 sold out to R. H. Graves, from whose estate Mr. Parsons purchased the business in 1886. Mr. Parsons is one of the leading furniture dealers and undertakers in the county, and with one exception is the oldest established undertaker in the county. He occupies the large double store and basement in the Shuler building. He is a Republican, and has served six years as constable and three as deputy sheriff. He has for several years been trustee of the Baptist church.

In 1810 "Dea." Parke Morgan built a tannery on the bank of the creek where Dr. Hendrick's residence now stands. The course of the brook was soon changed to its present one and "Dea." Asher Graves, who owned "Piety hill," built a tannery where G. J. Stafford's store now is. This passed through

now lives. It was in this house where about 1850 Leander Palmer started in the jeweler's business. In 1836 Mr. Babcock sold his house and shop to Daniel A. Thompson and built the present residence of A. P. Thompson, which he later also sold to Mr. Thompson. Daniel A. Thompson, who died in this house May 22, 1896, aged over one hundred years, was born in Chatham, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1796, and learned the trade of blacksmith of John Merrill, who came from the same place in 1815, and located on the present R. D. Brown farm, where, near an old well yet to be seen by the roadside, he built a shop. After he had finished his trade Mr. Thompson worked for a time with John Peake, who had a still near Maybury's mill, then settled upon the Thompson farm. Later he spent two years in Schuyler county and returning,

bought the Samuel Doud farm, and in 1836 the property of Mr. Babcock. In 1838 he built a shop further south and erected the Empire block and later the shop where C. B. Gross is located. Dr. Hiram Brockway, who lived here in 1830, and still earlier near the present farm of C. W. Ellis, is the first doctor of which a record can be found. While the village is unusually healthy, four physicians now have a lucrative practice in this and adjoining towns and the rich farming country for miles around.

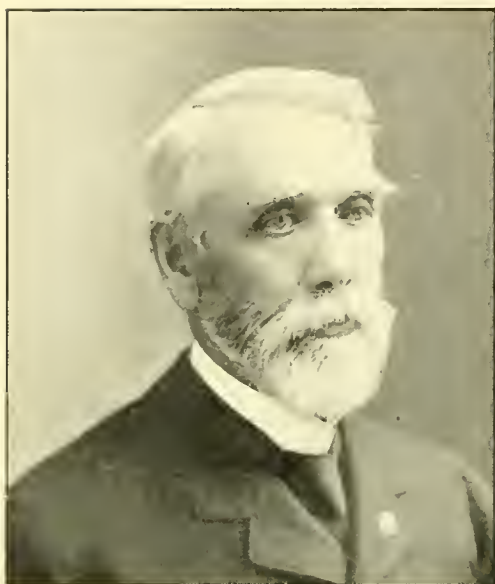


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Lorenzo Parsons.

L. PARSONS, FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.

many hands and in 1860 became the property of H. D. Corey. It was destroyed by fire in 1885 and the present building was erected by Mr. Corey. Soon after Harry McGraw started in the mercantile business he built an ashery where the Kelley shop is now located, and here potash and pearl-ash were made from wood ashes. These were put in barrels and drawn to Albany by teams, which returned with goods for the store. In 1834, Andrew Gross, who had previously had a cooper shop near Meldrim's mill, moved into the house where J. R. Rowe lives and worked for Mr. McGraw. In 1835 he had a shop in the southwest corner of Mrs. G. R. Palmer's lot, and in 1844 moved to the present farm of William Moore. The first village blacksmith was probably Avery D. Babcock, who had a shop where the Empire House now stands, and lived where Mrs. Gutchess

The elder of these in service as well as years, is Dr. Henry C. Hendrick. He was born in Guilford, N. Y., in 1827. His ancestry on his father's side was from Holland, coming to England with William Prince of Orange. The first family emigrant to America was William Hendrick, born in England in 1710, and settling a young man in Southington, Ct. Genealogy: William 5, William 4, Joel 3, Leontes 2, Henry C. 1. His mother's name was Farnham. Her ancestry came from England in 1695, settling at Ipswich, Mass. Generations in line, Ralph 1, Ralph 2, Ralph 3, Nathaniel 4, Asa 5, Eliasph 6, his mother Zilpha 7, the doctor 8. Ancestry on both sides in the Revolution. His great grandfather on his mother's side served in the "Lexington Alarm List" in 1775. The doctor was educated at Oxford Academy and the Medical department of the Uni-



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versity of Michigan. He came here in 1857 and has had a continuous practice since, except three years' service in the civil war as surgeon of the 157th Regt. N. Y. Vol. with rank as Major and brevetted for meritorious services Lieut.-Col. He is senior member of the Cortland County Medical society, a member of the State Medical and the American Medical associations. Several physicians have laid the foundations of success as students in his office. He has for a long time been elder in the Presbyterian church, is president of the U. S. Medical Examining board for pensions at Cortland, N. Y., upon which he has served continuously for sixteen years. He has several times been post-commander in the G. A. R. of which he is a member, and has served as secretary of the Board of Education for sixteen years and eleven years as its president. He is a Republican in politics. The doctor and Mrs. Hendrick, who is the daughter of the late Hon. Harry McGraw, occupy the residence built by the latter in 1829, and which was entirely remodeled in 1894.

Dr. M. R. Smith, who comes next in years of practice, was born in Solon, N. Y., July 22, 1855, and was educated in the district schools and the New York Central academy. After a course of study with Dr. H. A. Bolles of Cortland and a year spent in the University of Pennsylvania, he graduated from the Eclectic Medical college of New York in

1879 and began practice in this village. This has been continuous since with the exception of the year 1889, in which year he graduated from the Albany medical college. Dr. Smith has for the past seven years been health officer of the town of Cortlandville and is serving his second term as coroner of Cortland county. He is a Republican and is Past Grand of the I. O. O. F. of which he is a member. He is a member of the Cortland County Medical society and of the American Medical association. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have a beautiful home on Washington street.

Dr. Duane E. Ensign was born in Madison county in 1859, and is of English descent. He was educated in the Morrisville Union school, Cazenovia seminary and the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, O. He has practiced here since 1889. He is a Republican, a member of the board of education and village health officer. He is a member of both the State and Central Eclectic Medical societies, and is Past-Grand in the Odd Fellows, of which he is a member. He has for nine years been trustee of the Methodist church, of which Sunday-school he has been superintendent for the same time.

Dr. Franklin H. Forshee was born in this village August 8, 1866, and is the grandson of Isaac Forshee, one of the early pioneers, and who was one of the organizers of the Baptist church in 1828. Dr. Forshee received his education in the old academy and became a telegraph operator. He studied medicine with Dr. Hendrick, with whom he has been associated under the firm name of Hendrick & Forshee since his graduation from the University of New York, in 1892. He is president of the Cortland County Medical society, and is a member of the village board of trustees. He is a Republican and a member of both the I. O. O. F. and P. of H., as well as a prominent member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1817 Lester Graves, who had settled here five years before, built a wagon shop where Fred D. Graves' residence now stands. In the upper room of this shop, which was destroyed by fire in 1836, the early Presbyterians held their meetings. He later built a shop north of where the Corey building stands. In 1826 Isaac Kinney started a wool-carding



DR. H. C. HENDRICK'S RESIDENCE.

shop back of where C. F. Davenport now lives, and in 1827 married the daughter of Ezekial Lewis. The following year these two, Kinney and Lewis, built the old shop on Center street, which was demolished in 1899. In the east part of this building the family of Mr. Lewis, who built looms, spinning wheels, etc., lived until 1835, when he built the present residence of Mrs. G. R. Palmer. Mr. Kinney, who conducted the business of carding wool and dressing "full cloth" in part of the building, built the house where Aaron Vedder lives in 1831. The old stone mill, now owned by A. P. McGraw, was built in 1834 by R. G. Doud, Sr. Stillman Holden worked for Mr. Doud in 1830. The first sawmill was built by Samuel McGraw on the present site of the T. P. Taylor box factory, in 1815, and in 1820 Perry Saunders had a sawmill where the Meldrim mill now stands, and did carding and dressed cloth. In 1828, a post-office having been established here with Harry McGraw as postmaster, and a stage coach running between Cortland and Norwich, Samuel McGraw, Jr., opened a tavern where the Rogers House now stands in the older portion of the store now occupied by O. D. Perry. In 1837 he removed this to its present location and erected the present Rogers House, which he sold to Gilmore Kinney in 1844. Samuel McGraw, Jr., was an extensive cattle dealer and manufactured ship oars. These were of ash, forty feet long, and were placed on rafts, which were floated down the Tioughnioga and Susquehanna rivers to a market on the sea coast.

The history of the McGraw family and this place are closely identified. Upon the death of the pioneer, Samuel McGraw, who was the father of twelve children, in 1835, his son Harry became the acknowledged head of the family, and was not only the leading merchant in 1818-1849, the first postmaster in 1827-49, and member of assembly in 1843, but was a leading spirit in all public matters. Upon his death, in 1849, his son, Perrin H. McGraw, became the acknowledged head of the family, succeeding his father as merchant and postmaster, and being elected member of assembly in 1854. In 1859 he was elected as the first Republican senator from this county. For many years he and his brother, Hon. Delos McGraw, who was



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member of assembly in 1877, did the largest produce business in this part of the state, amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars annually. No public improvement made during the active life of Hon. P. H. McGraw can be pointed to in which he was not interested. He was one of the founders, and during its entire existence, president of the New York Central academy. He was one of the originators and for years the president of the McGrawville Rural Cemetery association. He was the principal promoter and the first president of the U. C. & C. R. R., which was chartered April 9, 1870, and which was completed to this place Sept. 18, 1897, by N. A. Bundy, as The Erie & Central New York railway. Mr. McGraw was a leader in village, educational and church matters, having been elder of the Presbyterian

church for many years. He was the founder of the industries which have made a rural community into a prosperous manufacturing town. He died Oct. 16, 1899, and all places of business were closed on the day of his funeral.

Albert P. McGraw, the present head of the family, a young man, is president and treasurer of the A. P. McGraw Corset Co. He is a public spirited citizen, a staunch Republican and a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee, and of which Sunday-school he has been the superintendent for seventeen years. In 1830 there were but ten houses in the present village limits. These were: Sam-



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DR. M. R. SMITH'S RESIDENCE.



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nel McGraw, Sr., on the now vacant lot west of George H. Maricle's residence; Sammel McGraw, Jr., in the hotel where the Rogers House stands; Harry McGraw, in Dr. Hendrick's present residence; Marcus McGraw, in the rear portion of the Lamont residence; Lester Graves, in the George Case house; Asher Graves, where D. L. Maine now lives; Dr. Brockway and Spellman Graves, in a house which then stood where W. P. Henry's residence now stands, and of which the ell of O. Cooper's residence formed a part; R. G. Doud, in the building now used as a barn by Dr. Hendrick, and which then stood lengthwise of the street where the Warren block now stands; Mrs. Rufus Graves, in the Miss King house, then owned by Harry McGraw; Jonathan Taylor, where C. H. Waters lives. In 1827 Charles Withey lived on the L. D. Allen farm, Russell Cole on the C. O. Alger farm, Jerry Mott on the O. Bingham farm, James Boone on the W. J. Buchanan farm, Jacob Brown on the A. J. Sweet farm, Gen. Brockway on the Barker farm, Hiram Boone on the Joel Pritchard farm, Chauncey Kellogg on the W. L. Bean farm, and Luther Thompson on the Wellington farm. Johnson Bingham settled in the town of Solon in 1794, upon the farm where his grandson, Johnson G. Bingham, supervisor of that town, is now living. At that time there were but six families in the present limits of Cortland county. In 1825 John Haskell lived on the William Shearer farm, and in 1830 sold this to William Shearer and bought the Byron Phelps farm. Mr. Shearer had previously lived upon the Fred Dunbar farm. About 1820 Justice Boynton settled on the John Kenfield farm. In 1827 Reuben Parsons built a log house near where J. A. Phelps lives and a sawmill near Wayne Palmer's residence. Later he built the house where Mrs. Louisa Parsons lives. Israel Palmer, who afterwards became the treasurer of the New York Central college, lived where E. L. Phelps now lives. Sprague Keene lived on the rear of J. A. Phelps' farm. Oct. 9, 1827, Marvin Huntington, father of Miss A. F. Huntington, moved upon the C. D. Wagon farm, and this same year William Case brought his wife and worldly possessions on an ox sled from Massachusetts and settled on the H. E. Phelps farm. About this

time, Benjamin Phelps, whose father, Enos Phelps, had in 1800 located on the Frank Phelps farm near East Homer, bought the Myron Phelps farm. In 1836 Rensselaer Merrill built a saw mill near where Morton Boynton lives and opened the "north road." In 1838 he built the residence of Dr. Ensign and in 1839, in which year William Holden worked for him, built the old red grist mill. Previous to this there was a grist mill near Maybury's mill which in 1822 was run by Eber Wilcox, who in 1838 built the Myron Rowe house. In 1839 William Pike built the W. E. Pike house and Ira Baker the residence of A. H. Atkins. Among the early residents of South or Pine hill, as it was then called, were Elijah Phelps, who in 1825 lived on the A. R. Rowe farm, Elisha Coburn, Sr., a few rods east, John McGraw still further east, William McGraw, nearly opposite the Reakes farm, Zalmon Barnum near the L. Trippe farm house, and Isaac Forshee near the Eugene Russell farm. In 1829 Walter G. Dye, a shoemaker from Truxton, bought twenty acres of land on Hicks hill and a bee was made to clear this and build a log house and barn for this, the first resident preacher. Among the old residents now living here are: Allen Russell, who was born on the A. J. Sweet farm in 1824, whose family removed to the Webster Russell farm in 1826 and who came to this village in 1849 and built a rough board cabin where his present handsome residence now stands and where he has since lived; Stillman Holden, who was born in Massachusetts Feb. 1, 1810, and moved with his parents in 1822 upon the George Case farm, and in 1866 to his present home in this village; John Houghton, who was born in Charleston, N. Y., April 17, 1821, and in 1827 came with his father, John Houghton, Sr., and settled on the George Cass farm on the Solon road; Thomas Rogers, who was born in Massachusetts in 1812 and came here April 11, 1834. He worked for Samuel McGraw, Jr., for two years in a shop which he had just bought of a man by the name of Eaton and which stood where Lewis Warren's shop now stands. In 1836 he married a daughter of Samuel McGraw, Sr., built a shop in the bank near A. L. Palmer's present residence and bought the original portion of G. H. Maricle's residence. In



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1844 Mr. Rogers built the Robert Clegg house (Mr. Rogers died on the 9th day of March, 1900); Wm. Yager, who came here in 1837 and started a grocery in the Randall building, which had been built in 1834 by Ira Roberts as a harness shop, and where J. B. Lamont, the father of ex-Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont, started in business upon his arrival in 1851; James A. Brooks, who came with his father, Seth D. Brooks, in 1836, and settled on the J. C. Pritchard farm, and who now lives in the old college farm house. The date of erection of the first school is uncertain, but the old log building which stood on the corner of Dr. Hendrick's present garden, was probably built as early as 1811, and its successor, a frame building, on the corner of J. R. Rowe's yard in 1820. Later a second schoolhouse was built where the entrance to the cemetery now is. In 1846 the two districts combined and built the Union school, now Grange hall, on Church street, where Prof. Jackson was the first principal. Aug. 16, 1867, it was voted to establish a Union free school and lease the New York Central academy for the academic department. The first board of education elected were: W. W. Alton, president; H. C. Hendrick, secretary; P. H. McGraw, J. C. Alger, E. N. Blackmer, H. D. Corey, Allen Russell, J. R. Holmes, C. L. Kinney. The first principal was Horace Stanton of Schenectady. Dec. 1, 1868, it was voted to raise \$2,200 to purchase the old college and to sell the old Union building and the South hill school-house. Aug. 26, 1884, it was voted to erect the



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#### VILLAGE HALL.

present handsome and modern structure in front of the old college building, which upon its completion, was sold and demolished. The McGraw Union school is classed by the State Board of Regents as among the best. The present faculty are: Principal, Calvin F. Place; Mrs. C. F. Place, Miss Claribel Warren, Miss Sylvia Smith, all excellent teachers. The present board of education are: W. J. Buchanan, president; G. H. Maricle, B. H. Randall, W. H. Huntley, D. E. Ensign. W. P. Henry, the present clerk of the board, has served in that position for ten years.

In 1869 the village of McGrawville was incorporated, with Pierce Warren as president, Thomas B. Chaffee as trustee, and Will H. Tarble as clerk. The presidents since have been: 1870, O. A. Kinney; 1871, William Lord; 1872, O. A. Kinney; 1873,

I. V. Carr; 1874, Ransom Warren; 1875, R. H.

Graves; 1876, D. I. Brownell, Jr.; 1877, C. D. Greenman; 1878, N. L. Pierce; 1879, William Lord; 1880, J. R. Holmes; 1881, D. H. Stone; 1882, R. H. Graves; 1883, Geo. Brooks; 1884, J. W. Cudworth; 1885, F. W. Perrott; 1886, Lewis Warren; 1887-8, Delos McGraw; 1889-90, D. I. Brownell; 1891, G. W. Case; 1892-3-4, W. J. Buchanan; 1895, N. W. Smith; 1896, F. C. Topping; 1897, W. J. Buchanan; 1898-9, H. K. Alexander. The trustees have been elected as follows: 1870, Allen Russell, Eli Smith; 1871, John Kingman, R. H. Graves; 1872, L. C. Warner, I. V. Carr; 1873, Wm. Yager, Lucius McGraw, A. Phillips; 1874, Wilson Bennett, Linus Castle; 1875, C. D. Peckham, Joseph Hinds; 1876, L. Castle, W. A. Carpenter; 1877,



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H. C. JOHNSON'S RESIDENCE.



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1. Principal C. F. Place. 2. Mrs. C. F. Place. 3. Miss Claribel Warren.  
4. Miss Sylvia Smith. [See sk., P. 215.]

A. J. Sweet, F. L. Royce; 1878, Lewis Warren, II. D. Corey; 1879, O. A. Kinney, C. L. Kinney, D. I. Brownell, Jr.; 1880, F. J. Hobart, John Haughton, W. E. Pike; 1881, A. D. Kinnie, A. P. McGraw; 1882, E. A. McGraw, W. H. Huntley; 1883, A. P. McGraw, C. T. Phillips; 1884, Charles L. Kinney, A. J. Sweet, R. H. Graves; 1885, E. H. Clark, N. W. Smith; 1886, Van Beckwith, Arza Chapin; 1887, N. W. Smith, D. I. Brownell, Jr.; 1888, Elwyn C. Palmer, G. W. Case, H. T. Short; 1889, Lucius McGraw, II. T. Short; 1890, F. C. Topping, W. Salisbury; 1891, L. F. Gee, W. P. Henry; 1892, W. J. Arner, J. R. Rowe, Samuel Dond, F. C. Topping; 1893, G. H. Maricle, H. C. Johnson; 1894, Samuel Doud, F. C. Topping; 1895, Arza Chapin, A. B. Rumsey; 1896, M. L. Totman, L. D. Gross; 1897, C. C. Hammond, O. Cooper; 1898, L. D. Gross, C. S. Hoag; 1899, F. H. Forshee, M. C. Bean. The present board are: H. K. Alexander, president; F. H. Forshee, M. C. Bean, A. A. Borthwick, George R. Gardner, trustees. H. C. Chaffee is village clerk. A fire department was organized in 1869, with R. H. Graves as chief. It consisted of Excelsior Fire Co. This was reorganized upon the completion of the handsome new village hall in 1894. This building is three stories and 40 x 60 feet in size. The present fire department consists of Active Fire Co., No. 1, with P. W. Chaffee foreman; C. D. McGraw, first

assistant; E. D. Cross, second assistant; W. J. Buchanan, secretary and treasurer; B. H. Randall, financial secretary; and W. J. Buchanan Hose Co., No. 1, with W. E. Miner, foreman; S. K. Buell, first assistant; H. A. Masten, second assistant; A. W. Chapin, secretary; Geo. Hoag, financial secretary; H. C. Chaffee, treasurer; E. J. Humphries, C. C. Hammond, George D. Pudney, trustees. This company was incorporated March 16, 1897, own their uniforms and hose cart, and have handsome rooms, including a gymnasium, on the first floor of the village hall. A post-office was established here in 1827, with Harry McGraw as postmaster. Upon his death, in 1849, he was succeeded by the late Hon. P. H. McGraw, who was in turn followed by Leander Palmer, Moses G. Smith, Chas. A. Jones, Melvin C. Bingham, C. A. Jones (second time), and Milford C. Bean. The present postmaster, B. T. Burlingham, was the first Presidential appointment here, having been appointed by President McKinley in 1897. He moved the office into the present commodious quarters, which were entirely remodeled for the purpose. In these model quarters he placed a new and modern outfit of oak and bronze, built especially for him and in keeping with the growth of the place. Prior to Nov. 25, 1895, this office was supplied by stage from the Cortland office, but on that date an electric service was established between this office and Cortland of three mails daily. April 9, 1898, this was superseded by the E. & C. N. Y. R. R.,

which had been completed to Cincinnati. Since that time the service has been greatly improved, and now three mails are daily sent to and received from the D., L. & W. mail trains, besides three sent to and received from the Cortland post-office daily. Beside the regular train service, the electric cars have recently been brought into service



Burlingham, Photos. CORSET CITY BAND.

1. A. W. Chapin, Drum Major. 2. Floyd Grant. 3. Bert Gutchess. 4. Bert Palmer. 5. Frank Tuttle. 6. R. B. Dibble. 7. D. M. Hammond. 8. Byron Hopkins. 9. A. J. Ensign. 10. H. L. Chapin. 11. Chas. Sweet. 12. G. H. Maricle, Leader. 13. E. F. Kinney. 14. Earl Healey. 15. Arthur McElheny. [Numbered from left to right.]

for transferring the early morning mail from New York direct to this office from the D., L. & W. station at Cortland. Mr. Burlingham is a notary public, and has for a number of years been the editor and manager of the McGraw department of the Cortland Daily and Semi-Weekly STANDARD and Cortland County SENTINEL, which have a branch office on the second floor of the post-office building. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Assistant Postmaster A. W. Chapin is the drum major of the Corset City band, and is secretary of W. J. Buchanan Hose Co., of which both he and the postmaster are members. He is a member of the Baptist church. This was in 1849 the seat of the New York Central college, the first school for the negro. The first faculty were: Rev. C. P. O. Grosvenor, president; L. H. Waters, C. L. Reason, Mrs. M. E. Harris and Mrs. Sophia Lathrop. Miss King had charge of a school for small negro children in rooms in the college farm house. The college buildings, consisting of the college, boarding hall and farm house, were built on a large farm divided by Academy (then College) street. Here white, black and red of both sexes came from all parts of the country, and male students were paid five cents and female three cents per hour for labor, and were charged one dollar per week for board. On the minutes of the College Debating society, under date of May 21, 1850 appears the following: "This was the last meeting of the society in the spring term, owing to the smallpox, which broke



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McGRAW UNION SCHOOL.

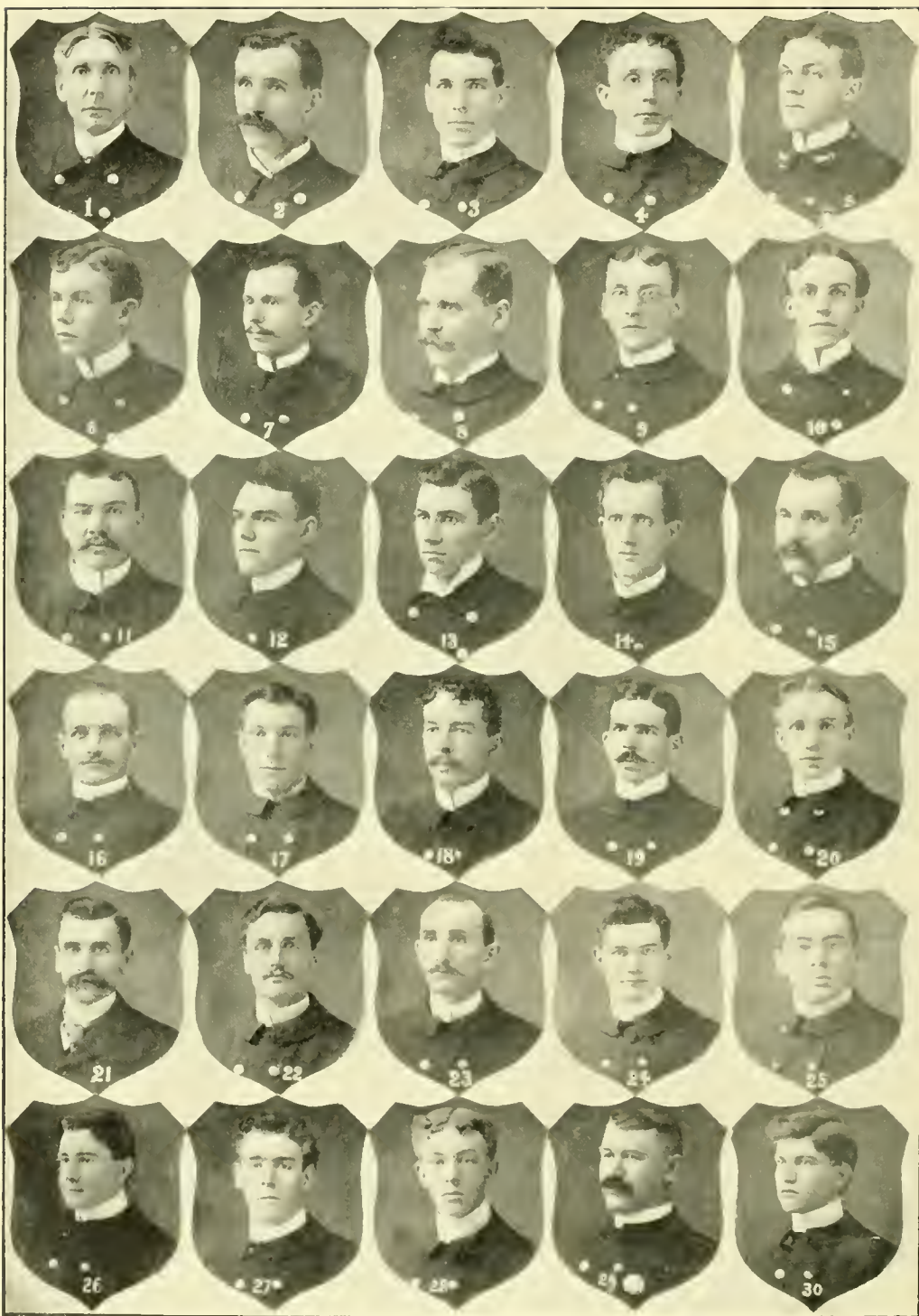
out in the college about this time, causing a dispersion of a great portion of the students." The college opened again in September, 1850, but never fully recovered. This, with lack of financial support, together with the influence of friends of rival colleges, caused its doors to close in 1860. This school was a famous one, and in every part of the country men and women who rose to national fame could point to this college with pride as their alma mater. Such noted men as Wendell Phillips, Fred Douglass, Gerritt Smith and Horace Greeley felt it an honor to address the students, and the latter gave \$50 to build the massive gates which guarded the main entrance to the college building. After its death a private school was held in the building for a while, and at a public meeting held in the



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G. H. MARICLE'S RESIDENCE.

Baptist church Feb. 15, 1864, a stock company was formed to purchase the property of Gerritt Smith, who had become owner, for \$6,500, and the New York Central academy was started with P. H. McGraw, president; Wilson Bennett, C. L. Kinney, Chas. E. Rowe, Rev. O. L. Torrey, Ira Watrous, J. B. Lamont, George L. Holden, Orric Bingham, I. D. Warner, Lucius Babcock, R. B. Fletcher, E. W. Phelps, I. Y. Carr, Wm. Pike, Oren Kingman, G. W. Hicks, Rev. E. B. Fancher, H. Hamilton, W. W. Brown and Eli Smith, trustees. The first faculty were: Principal, E. O. Hovey; H. S. Putnam, J. D. Russell, I. D. Warner, Mary L. Steele, Miss G. G. Hall and Mrs. Kate M. Greenman. On account of the free school system intro-



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W. J. BUCHANAN HOSE CO.

1. W. J. Buchanan, 2. W. E. Miner, Foreman, 3. H. A. Masten, Second Assistant Foreman, 4. S. K. Buell, First Assistant Foreman, 5. A. W. Chapin, Secretary, 6. G. S. Hoag, Financial Secretary, 7. H. C. Chaffee, Treasurer, 8. Leon Holmes, 9. E. F. Kinney, 10. F. J. Chapin, 11. Floyd Pudney, 12. G. D. Pudney, 13. E. J. Humphries, 14. F. D. Graves, 15. F. D. Atkins, 16. E. L. Chapin, 17. A. H. Bingham, 18. R. B. Dibble, 19. W. S. Kelley, 20. J. C. Muir, 21. C. F. Place, 22. F. T. Spencer, 23. Emmett Clegg, 24. F. L. Dunbar, 25. C. L. Beers, 26. A. J. Ensign, 27. F. B. Duntley, 28. F. L. Randall, 29. B. T. Burlingham, 30. A. H. Mudge, Jr.

duced in this state soon afterward, the academy failed to be a financial success, and in 1868 it was transferred to the Union School district. McGraw has fine shipping facilities. Beside the E. & C. N. Y. R. R., there is direct connection with the tracks of both the Lehigh Valley and D., L. & W. railroads at Cortland by the C. & H. T. Co., which (besides fourteen trips daily between the two towns for passengers), runs a freight three times each day.

Besides its railway facilities, the village has a

Smith, then postmaster and tailor, in a small one-story building, which was the original part of the handsome Shuler building. As there was no railroad here at the time, this firm moved to Bridgeport, Conn., where they are now classed among the millionaires, and where Dr. I. D. Warner gave the Young Men's Christian Association of that city their magnificent building. Dr. L. C. Warner gave \$50,000 to Oberlin college. While Warner Brothers started the business here it is to P. H. McGraw & Son (Albert P.) and their success-



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THE POST-OFFICE.

1. Postmaster B. T. Burlingham. 2. Assistant Postmaster A. W. Chapin. 3. Interior View. 4. A Portion of the Work Room. 5. Exterior. [See sk., P. 216.]

model livery, owned by F. G. Isaacs, where first-class rigs may be procured at all times. The United States Express Co. have an office here, with Geo. B. Burchard as agent. E. Fancher Kinney is manager of the local office of the W. U. Telegraph Co. Maricle & Johnson are the managers of the office of the Empire State Telephone Co. A local telephone line connects the principal business places and residences.

The first corset made in this part of the state was made here in 1873 for Warner Bros., by Moses G.

ors, The A. P. McGraw Corset Co., that the credit is due of building up the great industry which has given this the title of "The Corset City." Starting in 1875 with two foot machines, they have at present two large model factory buildings erected by them, heated by steam and lighted by electricity. They utilize, in the manufacture of corsets, skirts and mackintoshes over 36,000 square feet of floor space, and their sales amount to about a quarter of a million dollars annually. Besides a large jobbing and retail trade, they have canvass-



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## GROUP OF PROMINENT CITIZENS.

1. Rev. J. J. Cowles, Pastor of Presbyterian Church. 2. Rev. W. P. Garrett, Pastor of Methodist Church. 3. Rev. A. Bergen Browe, Pastor of Baptist Church. 4. F. A. Purchas, Manager of Thomas P. Taylor Paper Box Factory. 5. H. K. Alexander, President Village of McGrawville. 6. W. G. Purchas, Manager Central Paper Box Co.

ers in every state in the Union, and have an increasing export trade.

The paper box business was started here by The McGraw Corset Co. in 1890, but upon the succession of the A. P. McGraw Corset Co. was disposed of. The Central Paper Box Co., with Walter G. Purchas as manager, succeeding to the local and county trade. Restricted as they are, this firm employ in their factory on East Center street sixteen hands, and turn out about 3,000 boxes daily. They occupy 7,000 square feet of floor space. In November, 1897, Thomas P. Taylor, a prominent manufacturer of Bridgeport, Conn., and mayor of that city, started a paper box factory in the Corey building, with F. A. Purchas as manager. In the following year they were compelled to seek larger quarters and moved into their present factory, which had been enlarged for their use. Here they have 15,000 square feet of well lighted floor space, where forty-five hands turn out daily 10,000 finished boxes for the eastern and middle states. Seiler Bros. of Newark, N. J., have one of their milk stations here, which, under the management of James C. Muir, is of great benefit to the town and the surrounding farmers. Mr. Muir is also the manager of the Corset City base ball club. Of course the citizens point with pride to the Lamont residence, where Col. Daniel S. Lamont, ex-Secretary of War, passed his boyhood days, and where his mother still resides. On the soldiers' plot in the cemetery are four large mounted cannon, which were presented to the local G. A. R. by the

United States through Col. Lamont's influence while secretary of war.

It is doubtful if any town of its size has three more prosperous churches or three more able pastors. The Baptist church was organized in 1828 from the Homer Baptist church, and the present edifice erected in 1830. This was extended and improved in 1867, and in 1899 the building was completely renovated and new cathedral glass memorial windows were placed in position. The pastors have been: W. G. Dye, 1829-44; Wm. Holiday, 1845-7; S. J. Decker, 1848-50; Alfred Bennett, (supply) 1851; L. W. Nichols, 1852-4; C. Darby, 1855-6; Alvin Bailey, 1857-61; J. P. Ash, 1862-4; J. D. Tucker, 1865-6; W. G. Dye, 1867-8; E. Savage, 1869; L. P. Day, 1870-2; C. A. Stone, 1873-7; S. N. Westcott, 1878-81; D. K. Smith, 1882; D. B. Grant, 1883-6; W. W. Conner, 1887; S. H. White, 1888-9; J. E. Usher, 1890-2; N. S. Burd, 1893-8. The present

pastor, Rev. A. Bergen Browe, came in March, 1899. The Methodist church was organized in 1833 and erected the present edifice in 1834. This has since been completely renovated and in 1898 handsome memorial windows of cathedral glass were placed in the church. The pastors have been: 1833, Morgan Ruger; 1834, — Reynolds; 1835,



Burlingham, Photo. B. H. RANDALL'S RESIDENCE.

— Kinney; 1836, Jesse Pomeroy; 1837, Eben L. North; 1838, Peter G. Bridgeman; 1839, Daniel Fancher; 1840, P. G. Bridgeman; 1841, John Crawford; 1842, Henry Minard; 1843, James Jameson; 1844, Thomas Wire; 1845, William Cameron; 1846-7, Charles D. Burrett; 1848-9, William N. Pearne; 1850-1, Edwin G. Bush; 1852-3, Wesley H. Miller; 1854-5, Thomas D. Wire; 1856, William N. Burr; 1857-8, Wesley Fox; 1859, Charles T. Moss; 1860-1, Ira B. Hyde; 1862-3, David C. Ducher; 1864-5, Oren L. Torrey; 1866-7, Samuel M. Fisk; 1868-70, Warren D. Fox; 1871, Horace Har-

that time having been held in a room over the wagon shop of Lester Graves. The church has, since its erection, been enlarged and renovated and stained glass windows put in position. The society is contemplating the erection of a new edifice during the coming year. The pastors have been: 1833-7, S. Smalley, Joseph R. Johnson; 1838-9, Peleg R. Kinne; 1840-67, Ezra B. Fancher; 1868-70, Edward H. Bates; 1871-80, George Bayless; 1881, Charles K. Scoon; 1882-5, John G. Blue; 1886-8, Edwin H. Dickinson; 1889-91, Leslie R. Groves. The present pastor, Rev. J. J. Cowles,



A. P. MCGRAW CORSET CO.'S FACTORIES.

1. Hon. P. H. McGraw, Founder of the Works. 2. Residence of A. P. McGraw. 3. Warehouse and Shipping Department. 4. Factory. 5. A. P. McGraw, President and Treasurer.  
(Portraits by Hyatt. Factories by Harris. Residence by Burlingham.) [See sk., P. 219.]

ris; 1872-3, George C. Wood; 1874, Richard Stillwell; 1875-7, Anson D. Webster; 1878-80, Phineas H. Wiles; 1881-3, Major Z. Haskins; 1884-5, Warren D. Fox; 1886-8, Anthony C. Smith; 1889-90, Joseph H. Zartman; 1891-5, Edward J. Brooker. The present pastor, Rev. W. P. Garrett, came in October, 1896. The Presbyterian church was organized March 11, 1833, at the residence of Lester Graves on Church street, now owned by George Case, with twenty-four members who came from the First Presbyterian church of Cortland. In 1835 the present church edifice was erected and was dedicated Feb. 4, 1836, the meetings up to

came in November, 1891. All three churches have handsome parsonages and prosperous auxiliary societies. Among the prominent organizations are: the Corset City Band, who have recently purchased handsome new uniforms and of which G. H. Maricle is leader.

William H. Tarble Post, 476, G. A. R., which was organized April 25, 1884, with 28 charter members. The post now numbers 47 and meets in G. A. R. hall in the Warren building on Main street. The officers are: Commander, Mitchell Sanford; Senior Vice, J. R. Maybury; Junior Vice, D. B. Phelps; Adjutant, P. W. Chaffee; Quartermaster,



Harris, Photo. THOS. P. TAYLOR PAPER BOX FACTORY. [See sk., P. 220.]

A. B. Rumsey; Surgeon, W. P. Henry; Chaplain, H. C. Hendrick; O. of D., W. T. Burditt; O. of G., Samuel Taylor. The past commanders are: N. W. Smith, II. E. Phelps, W. P. Henry, A. B. Rumsey, P. W. Chaffee, H. C. Hendrick.

McGrawville Lodge, 320, I. O. O. F., was instituted May 4, 1888, and now has 117 members. They have elegant rooms on the third floor of the village hall. The present officers are: N. G., Arthur Norcott; V. G., W. L. Bean; Secretary, F. D. Graves; Financial Secretary, W. J. Benjamin; Treasurer, G. H. Maricle; Warden, C. C. Wilcox; R. S. N. G., Arza Chapin; L. S. N. G., C. B. Warren; R. S. V. G., W. E. Miner; L. S. V. G., Albert Dockstater; R. S. S., C. D. Finch; L. S. S., Byron Hopkins; I. G., William Norcott; O. G., R. B. Dibble; Chaplain, O. Cooper; P. G., H. M. Dunbar. The Past Grands are: O. A. Kinney, Ephraim C. Palmer, C. B. Warren, Elwyn C. Palmer, John Houghton, W. J. Arner, C. M. Bean, F. J. Berggren, Arza Chapin, G. H. Maricle, P. W. Chaffee, D. E. Ensign, A. E. Seymour, M. C. Bean, I. J. Walker, C. B. Gross, A. R. Rowe, C. F. Davenport, Edward Shufelt. P. W. Chaffee of this lodge is Grand Worthy District Deputy.

McGrawville Grange, 462, was organized Sept. 30, 1882, and now has more than 200 members. They own their hall on Church street, and hold a successful annual fair. The officers are: Master, C. B. Hall; Overseer, W. O. King; Lecturer, W. L. Bean; Steward, Wesley Chrysler; Gate-keeper, J. H. Hill; Secretary, S. E. Wells; Treasurer, C. W. Travis; Ceres, Mrs. A. D.

Loomis; Pomona, Mrs. J. A. Phelps; Flora, Mrs. Chas. Humphries; L. A. S., Mrs. G. W. Case.

McGrawville Lodge, 212, I. O. G. T., was organized Nov. 5, 1896, and is in a flourishing condition. They meet in G. A. R. hall, and the officers are: C. T., T. D. Goodell; P. C. T., E. J. Dunbar; V. T., Sarah Maybury; S. J. T., Mamie Maybury; Chaplain, J. A. Brooks; Marshal, Eugene Olds; Secretary, F. J. Loomis; Treasurer, Arthur Freeman; G., H. Olds; S., Francis Bean. The Past Chiefs are: George D. Bailey, C. A. Hurd, Geo. Hoag, Earl Dunbar, F. J. Loomis, T. D. Goodell.

Star of the East, Rebekah Lodge, 127, was instituted March 20, 1891, and meet in Odd Fellows' hall. The officers are: N. G., Jane Totman; V. G.,

Hattie Phelps; P. G., Mary Carruthers; Secretary, Mary Sly; Financial Secretary, Belle Palmer; Treasurer, Mary Atkins; Chaplain, Triphena Chapin; Warden, Myrtle Underwood; Conductor, Althea Underwood; R. S. N. G., Blanche Coady; L. S. N. G., Zetteen Humphries; R. S. V. G., Abbie Jacobs; L. S. V. G., Stella Dunbar; R. A. S., Jessie Pritchard; L. A. S. Lillian Burditt; O. G., Lena Masten; I. G., Cora Maricle.

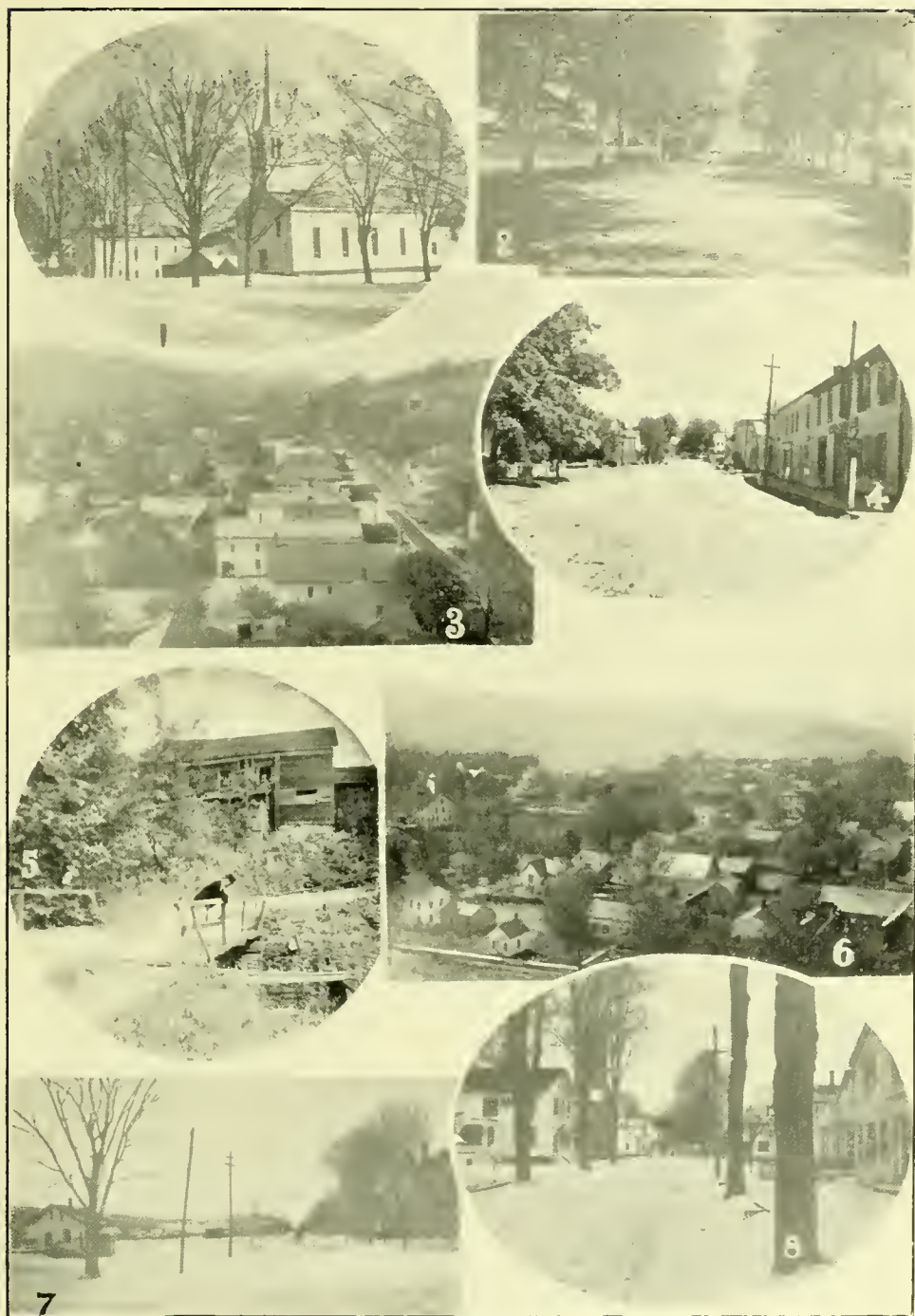
The McGrawville Rural cemetery is one of the many beautiful scenes which surround this village. Here, amid winding paths, trees and shrubs, are many costly monuments; and here, on the soldiers' plot, stands the monument erected by the patriotic citizens in memory of the fallen heroes who went from here to fight for "God and Country." The lot is guarded by large mounted cannon.



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CENTRAL PAPER BOX CO. FACTORY.

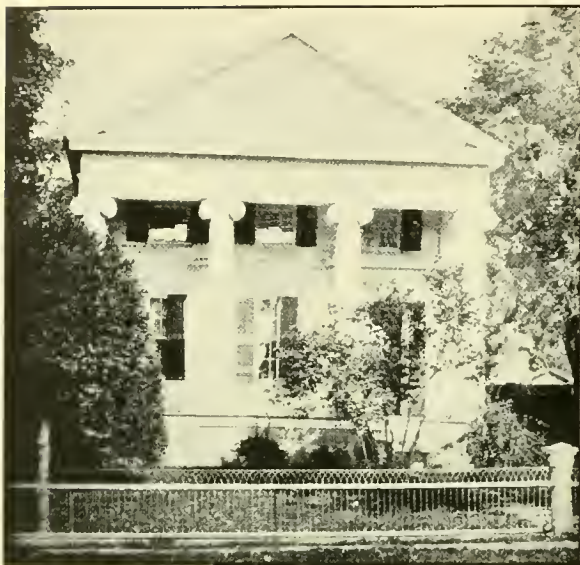
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#### VILLAGE VIEWS.

1. Church Heights. 2. South Street. 3. Birdseye View, Looking West. 4. Main Street. 5. Old Red Grist Mill  
6. Birdseye View, Looking Southwest. 7. Elm Street. 8. Church Street.



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THE LAMONT RESIDENCE.

The village has no newspaper, but the A. P. McGraw Corset Co. have a job printing office in their factory, where three power presses are continually running and three hands are employed. In the forties three papers were published here, the principal one being the McGrawville EXPRESS. In 1878 W. A. Huntington started the McGrawville SENTINEL, which was later purchased by Berggren Bros. and changed to the Cortland County SENTINEL. It became the leading weekly paper in the county, and was sold to the STANDARD PRINTING CO. of the adjoining city of Cortland, who have since maintained a branch office here and publish it as the weekly edition of their daily and semi-weekly. The people here in this way get all the advantages of a daily paper, as a regular McGraw department is maintained in all of these publications, and no expense is spared, but telephone and electric cars are freely used for their news service. It was here that "Dan" Lamont received his education, and here he did his first newspaper work. The writer now has before him the first proof sheet corrected by the future editor of the Albany ARGUS. It is the first page of Vol. 1, No. 1, of "The McGrawville Advertiser," Tarble & Lamont, publishers, and dated July 26, 1866.

In the EXPRESS of Sept. 28, 1848, the firm of Kinney & McGraw advertised leghorn hats for sale, Jas. Sanderson manufactured furniture and coffins in his shop on the Freetown road, McGraw & Green sold staple and fancy dry goods, George Pennoyer manufactured carriages at the old Lester Graves shop, M. & M. Webster made boots and

shoes and run the tannery. Kinney & Thompson also run a general store.

Since writing the church notices, the Baptist and Methodist churches have been wired for electric lights, and as the Presbyterian has been so lighted for several years, all the churches are now lighted by electricity.

Of the town officers, Justice of the Peace Arthur A. Borthwick, Constable Charles Euson and Assessor W. H. Huntley reside here.

There are three notaries public in the village, A. P. McGraw, C. B. Warren and B. T. Burlingham.

In reading this sketch it should be remembered that until April 8, 1808, this village was in Onondaga county, and until 1829 part of the town of Homer. As there were no railroads in these early days, the pioneer settlers followed the streams, and for this reason the valleys of the Tioughnioga, East, Chenango and Otselic rivers were settled before this section in their midst.

Many sketches of this place of undoubted value as history have been written. This article has not been copied, but the data has been obtained by a careful study of old deeds, records and papers, and personal interviews with older residents, and is believed to be as absolutely correct in every particular.

Among the prosperous organizations is the Twentieth Century club, composed of the most prominent ladies in town, and who meet at the residences of the members to discuss literary matters.

In the sixties, R. Latting had a daguerreotype gallery here and in the eighties McGilvey & Thompson and Otto Wurs, respectively, had galleries here. The latter is now a leading photographer in New York. While there is no professional photographer here now, there are more amateurs than in any town of its size in this section. Some of them do fine work and have dark rooms and modern conveniences. Among the leading ones are Rev. W. P. Garrett, H. K. Alexander, C. D. McGraw, L. L. Wellman, B. T. Burlingham, G. J. Stafford, George D. Pndney, F. D. Graves, J. P. White, C. D. Finch, Dr. F. H. Forshee, S. K. Buell, Carl Hammond, Bruce Johnson, F. L. Phillips.



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F. G. ISAACS' LIVERY.



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OFFICERS OF THE CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1. Chief Engineer, H. P. Davis (Orris). 2. First Assistant Chief, Daniel Reilly (Emerald). 3. Second Assistant Chief, E. N. Sherwood (H. & L.). 4. Secretary, H. Bell Hollister (Hitchcock). 5. Treasurer, E. M. Eastman (W. W.). 6. Superintendent of Fire Alarm, James F. Costello (W. W.). 7. Representative Board of Engineers, F. G. Christenat (W. W.). 8. Representative Board of Engineers, Myron P. Crane (Orris). 9. Representative Board of Engineers, D. F. Waters (H. & L.). 10. Representative Board of Engineers, E. Fitzgerald (Emerald). 11. Representative Board of Engineers, Stephen S. Horton (Hitchcock).

**The Water Witch Steamer and Hose Co.** is the oldest company in the department, and at the organization of a fire department in Cortland village in the year 1854 was the only company organized, which in fact constituted the entire department. On the 5th day of June, 1854, the Board of Trustees met and appointed fifty citizens of the village to constitute a fire company, and on June 14, at the Curtis House, the organization was perfected by electing Edwin F. Gould, foreman; E. Gourley, first assistant foreman; J. C. Jarvis, second assistant foreman; Glen Cuyler, secretary. A committee on by-laws and uniforms was also appointed. A long and complete set of by-laws, con-

sisting of twenty-three articles, were duly adopted, and the name decided upon for the newly organized company was the Water Witch Fire Co. At a meeting held on the 15th day of July, 1854, a new company was organized from the Water Witch Fire Co., which was called the Water Witch Hose Co., and these two companies constituted, for a long time, the entire fire department, and the two companies have so continued together under the name of the Water Witch Steamer & Hose Co. On Thursday afternoon, Nov. 16, 1854, the "Little Witch," a hand engine, which suggested the name Water Witch, together with its maker, a Mr. Bnton, arrived in Cortland, and was received by the



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HEADQUARTERS OF THE CORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

board of trustees and firemen amid great enthusiasm and the ringing of bells. The "Witch" was immediately tested, and operated so successfully that it was unanimously agreed that it was indeed a veritable witch. This engine, or (as the boys called it) "machine," was the pride and admiration of the company, and they were

**Orris Hose Co.** boasts of the honor of being founded by firemen who served in the first hose company organized in this village. The organizers of this company served under the name of Water Witch Hose until the year 1878, when they became incorporated under the name of "Orris Hose Co.," and since that time have been known



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WATER WITCH S. &amp; H. CO., NO. 1.

[See sk., P. 225.]

1. W. H. Gilbert, Foreman. 2. Harry Phillips, First Assistant Foreman. 3. Robert E. Allen, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. Burdell Hawkes. 5. C. E. Ingalls. 6. F. P. Merchant. 7. C. L. V. Hicks. 8. E. E. Price. 9. F. L. Doughty. 10. L. A. Arnold. 11. W. R. Potter. 12. James A. Smith. 13. C. P. Butler. 14. H. E. Phelps. 15. W. F. Harvey. 16. Bert Hulbert. 17. Edward E. Per Lee. 18. E. H. Willson. 19. Fay Millen. 20. J. J. Chamberlin. 21. Edward Parmiter. 22. Ernest M. Holden. 23. C. L. Meade. 24. H. L. De Clercq. 25. C. V. Coon. 26. Lawrence Bristol. 27. E. J. Stillman. 28. A. J. Barber. 29. B. Delavan. 30. A. L. Smith. 31. Dever Truman. 32. William Brown. 33. Harry Daneau. 34. Ralph Wright.

ever ready to accept or issue challenges and try her powers and abilities with the hand engines from all the nearby towns, and almost every test proved her superiority. The present company consists of about forty members, with Mr. F. Christenat as the retiring foreman and Mr. W. H. Gilbert as the new incumbent.

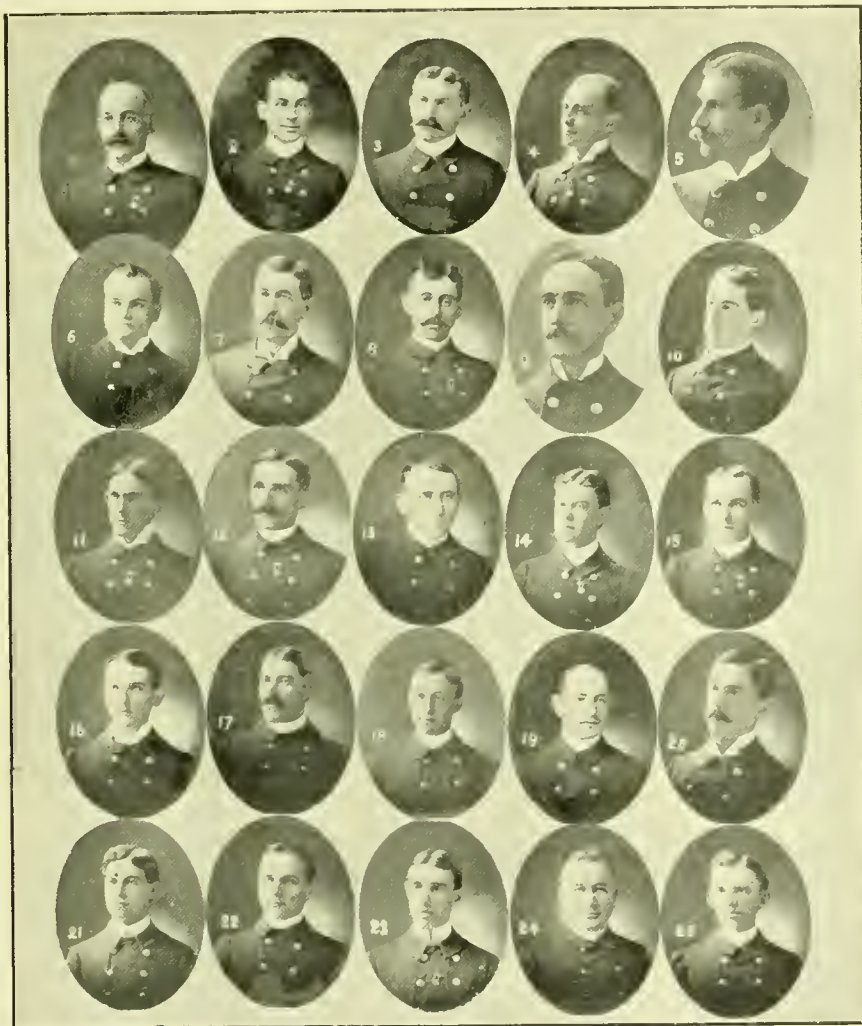
as one of the most efficient companies of the Cortland fire department. Their parlors, located in the Moore block on Main street, are elegantly furnished and equipped, having all the essentials necessary for the entertainment and pleasure of the members and their guests. The officers for the year 1900 are: Foreman, A. W. Stevens; First As-

sistant Foreman, James Farrell; Second Assistant Foreman, A. F. Sager; Secretary, A. J. White; Treasurer, Wm. Angell; Representative on Board of Engineers, M. P. Crane.

**Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co., No. 3**, was organized Dec. 10, 1864. The first officers were: Foreman, Aaron Sager; Assistant, E. D. Mallory; Secretary, Charles W. Collins; Treasurer, W. W. Gale. Some time previous to this date the village had procured a truck and apparatus, which were looked after and operated by a committee appointed by

great pride to the company. The present officers of the organization are as follows: President, J. W. Petrie; Foreman, H. L. Hartwell; First Assistant, A. S. Filzinger; Second Assistant, R. E. Caldwell; Secretary, N. F. Mather; Treasurer, H. J. Baker; Trustees, T. N. Leach, J. J. Glann, John H. Phelps.

**Emerald Hose Co., No. 4**, was organized June 5, 1878, with M. F. Cleary, foreman, and Edward Luther, secretary, Irving H. Palmer being chief engineer. This company has won its full share of honor and fame for the Cortland fire department. In



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ORRIS HOSE CO., NO. 2.

[See sk., P. 226.]

1. A. Stevens, Foreman. 2. James A. Farrell, First Assistant Foreman. 3. A. F. Seager, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. A. J. White, Secretary. 5. William Angell, Treasurer. 6. William A. Wallace. 7. Dorr C. Smith. 8. M. E. Sarvay. 9. G. H. Kennedy. 10. William Riley. 11. Lawrence Dudley. 12. N. J. Peck. 13. J. M. Miller. 14. Arthur Williams. 15. Charles Morris. 16. Edward Ringer. 17. Charles Griffith. 18. L. C. Tyler. 19. W. F. Seacord. 20. D. J. Riley. 21. Harry Chapin. 22. John Gutches. 23. H. B. Greenman, Jr. 24. Dr. Tompkins. 25. Harry Chaplin.

the Village Fathers for that purpose. The truck at that time was stored in a barn belonging to W. R. Randall, but soon after the company was formed was placed in a shed built upon the north side of the old Fireman's Hall. The company became incorporated on the 19th day of April, 1877. In the spring of 1894 the village purchased a new and modern hook and ladder truck, and in 1899 bought a fine large team, both being a source of

1878 it participated in the State Firemen's parade at Ithaca. As guests of the Auburn Fire department the Emeralds attended the State Firemen's parade at Auburn in 1880, and carried off the highest honors for excellence in drill. The Emeralds captured the State championship prize for the best running team the first time such prize was offered by the State Firemen's convention. They entered their running team in the contest at Buffalo, N. Y.,

for the championship of the United States and Canada and a prize of \$300, and won the first prize in 43½ seconds, distance 300 yards, with standard cut regulation hose. The Massachusetts gold and diamond badge, a trophy won at Syracuse, ornaments the parlors of the Emerald Hose Co. The

coupling full three threads, putting on pipe three full threads, standard cart, carrying 350 feet of rubber-lined linen hose, weighing 1 lb. to the foot, Cortland, N. Y., 1886." This company is the possessor of the finest silver parade carriage in the world, and, of course, unfailingly wins the first



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EXCELSIOR HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 3.

[See sk., P. 227.

1. R. E. Caldwell, Foreman. 2. E. A. Townsend, First Assistant Foreman. 3. M. B. Filzinger, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. J. W. Petrie, President. 5. N. F. Mather, Secretary. 6. H. J. Baker, Treasurer. 7. John H. Phelps. 8. H. L. Hartwell. 9. S. K. Jones. 10. George A. Loucks. 11. T. N. Leach. 12. P. J. Benjamin. 13. Ezra Penderbaugh. 14. Frank B. Stockwell. 15. A. G. Bosworth. 16. I. V. Johnson. 17. M. K. Harris. 18. O. A. Hammond. 19. B. H. Bosworth. 20. Arthur A. Scudamore. 21. Verne Topping. 22. Bert Wright. 23. Fred Murray. 24. G. E. Butler. 25. A. B. Filzinger. 26. J. J. Glann. 27. Henry Peek. 28. C. H. Wilsey. 29. A. H. Foote. 30. Myron Tuttle. 31. Byron Tuttle. 32. E. J. Warfield. 33. Fred C. Shoals. 34. Frank Northrup. 35. Charles Wright. 36. Andrew Warwick.

Emerald's running team has held the world's highest record now for thirteen years. This record is in the New York Clipper of April, 1887, page 40, as follows: "41½ seconds, Emerald Hose Co. team, limited to 17 men, running 200 yards to hydrant, attaching hose, laying 300 feet of hose, breaking

prize wherever exhibited. This company also owns the fine building which stands on the corner of Church and Railroad streets. This building represents the pluck, push and business sagacity of the Emeralds. Starting without a single dollar to purchase even the lot on which the building

stands, they now own, free from debt, the lot, building and all their furnishings. Among the races won by the Emeralds without straps or harness, but running simply as they would run to a fire, the following twelve races are given, with their official time: 1—Quarter mile, 1.20½; 2—300 yards, 52 sec.; 3—300 yards, 47 sec.; 4—300 yards, 45 sec.; 5—300 yards, 49½ sec.; 6—300 yards, 45½ sec.; 7—300 yards, 43½ sec.; 8—300 yards, 46¼ sec.; 9—300 yards, 50 sec.; 10—300 yards, 55 sec.; 11—300 yards, 45½ sec.; 12—300 yards, 41¾ sec.

which motion was carried unanimously. At a meeting of the village board of trustees, Sept. 12, 1888, consent was given to the incorporation of Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6, which act of incorporation was recorded Sept. 21, 1888. From that time to the present the Hitchcock Co. has sustained a creditable record. The original officers of the company were as follows: President, Chas. H. Drake; Vice-President, Floyd B. Hitchcock; Secretary, William Wood; Treasurer, Fred S. Bennett; Foreman, W. T. Linderman; First Assistant



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EMERALD HOSE CO., NO. 4. [See View Hose House, P. 230.—sk. P. 227.

1. Edward Dowd, Foreman. 2. Thomas Kernan, First Assistant Foreman. 3. Thomas Kane, Second Assistant Foreman. 4. M. F. Cleary, President. 5. J. A. Nix, Secretary. 6. Henry Corcoran, Treasurer. 7. J. F. Dowd. 8. M. V. Lane. 9. M. T. Roche. 10. B. H. McNiff. 11. Frank Burns. 12. A. J. Lucy. 13. T. J. Murray. 14. George McKane. 15. J. McAuliff. 16. James Gaffney. 17. Emmett Cleary. 18. Thomas McAuliff. 19. Patrick Dalton. 20. Morris Lane. 21. Frank Kane. 22. James E. Dwyer. 23. John Couch. 24. John D. Kiley. 25. Michael B. Burns. 26. Wm. Meldrim.

**Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6**, was first organized as an independent company for the protection of the mammoth plant of the Hitchcock Manufacturing Co., the original members being principally employes in the shops of that company. The organization was effected June 8, 1888. Within a week after the date of the formation, at a regular meeting of the board of engineers, a motion was made by John H. Phelps, of the Hook & Ladder Co., that Hitchcock Hose Co., No. 6, become an active member of the Cortland fire department,

Foreman, G. W. Schermerhorn; Second Assistant Foreman, A. J. McCready; Trustees, F. S. Bennett, F. B. Hitchcock, C. E. Reed; Representative on Board of Engineers, C. H. Drake. The first apparatus was kept in a small room connected with the Hitchcock Manufacturing Co.'s shops on the south side of Elm street, near the D., L. & W. tracks, and consisted of a two-wheel cart, drawn by a bay horse named "Billy," the gift to the company of Mrs. C. B. Hitchcock, the Hitchcock Hose Co. having the honor of owning the first horse in the



EMERALD HOSE HOUSE.

Cortland fire department. In the spring of 1889, the building now occupied by the company was erected by the organization, to whom it still belongs. The building is two stories in height, and stands on the north side of Elm street. The first floor is occupied by the apparatus, and at the rear is a stable for the use of the horse. The parlor and bunk rooms are on the second floor, the Hitchcock Co. also having the honor of inaugurating the bunker system. Late in the year 1889, the handsome hose wagon now used by the company was built at the expense of the village of Cortland, which, with the harness and indicator, are the only portions of the entire system of the organization not owned by the company. Up to

within three or four years past Hitchcock Hose Co. maintained one of the most efficient drill teams in the state. Its record at conventions of the State Firemen's association, and the Central New York Volunteer Firemen's association, of which the Hitchcock Co. is a member, has been very complimentary to the efficiency of the team. This drill team has won prizes as follows: Elmira, first prize, 1889—second prize, 1891; Ithaca, first prize; Oswego, second prize. At Canton encampment, Syracuse, a Braxmar silver trumpet, valued at \$100, was awarded the company for best appearing company in line. The present officers of the company are: President, F. S. Bennett; Vice-President, Charles Seaman; Secretary, H. Dell Hollister; Treasurer, M. L. Withey; Financial Secretary, John Holmes; Foreman, Morris Brotherton; First Assistant Foreman, Charles Williamson; Second Assistant Foreman, Earl Cole; Trustees, S. S. Horton, M. O'Brien, H. Dell Hollister; Representative on Board of Engineers, Wm T. Linderman.

**The Sewers.**—In the spring of 1893 the people of Cortland voted to expend \$70,000 for a system of sewers. The commissioners were C. F. Wickwire, C. W. Collins, Hugh Duffey, F. H. Cobb and S. S. Knox. Fred Hatch, the village clerk, served as clerk of the board. W. B. Landreth, the village engineer, made the surveys, and the commissioners laid out the system. The cost of the work, \$58,000, was defrayed by the issue of bonds drawing 4 per cent. interest, which were optional after ten years and not enforceable within twenty years. The system is the best that could be constructed, and fully answers all purposes.



Butler, Photos.

HITCHCOCK HOSE CO. NO. 6.

[See sk. P. 229.]

1. Maurice Brotherton, Foreman. 2. E. S. Cole, Second Assistant Foreman. 3. F. S. Bennett, President. 4. Eugene Tuttle. 5. M. O'Brien. 6. C. D. Seaman. 7. Howard Tuttle. 8. John Luce. 9. S. L. Buck. 10. Wallace Gardner. 11. Harry Parks. 12. Fred DeMond. 13. Charles Chorley. 14. Frank DeMond. 15. Harry Cole. 16. Ray Tanner. 17. E. L. Cole. 18. John Holmes. 19. Alford Wright.

# CITY OF CORTLAND CHARTER.

In the introduction to this Souvenir, written by Dr. James M. Milne in October, 1899, Cortland is declared to be a city in everything except name.

While this work was being compiled the name was added.

The City of Cortland was born March 16, 1900, the day Gov. Theodore Roosevelt signed Chapter 160, Laws of 1900—the city charter.

The City of Cortland has a fairly estimated population of 10,000. It became a city with not a vacant house for rent.

At the village charter election held March 13,

and seven natural channels of trade radiating from Cortland, the center of the state; with almost three miles of completed asphalt and brick pavement; with sewer and light conveniences, perfect water supply, uniformed policemen, five fire companies, trolley lines and six hotels.

Dr. James M. Milne, who has been called the Father of the City Charter and G. J. Maycumber, who more than any other man has supplied abundant activity in behalf of the charter visited quite a number of cities and conducted a thorough and searching inquiry as to their experience with their respective charters. There is



## STREET SCENES IN THE VILLAGE OF HOMER, N. Y.

Public Green, Looking North (Dr Braman, Photo). Main Street, Northeast (Fred Ford, Photo).  
Main Street, South (Loaned by Mrs. E. H. Knapp).  
East Hills from Wall Street (Fred Ford, Photo). Main Street, Northwest (Thos. Knobel, Photo).

1900, the last under the old charter, 1958 votes were cast. The usual estimate is one voter to five inhabitants—certainly not above that ratio.

Among the thirty-five cities in the state of the third class, Cortland ranks twenty-ninth in population with the probability of occupying the twenty-seventh position if an official census were taken to-day.

In wealth and resources it ranks the twenty-third.

This is its present numerical position. Prospectively it occupies an enviable place. Its topographical advantages are very great, with a broad level and roomy territory upon which to expand

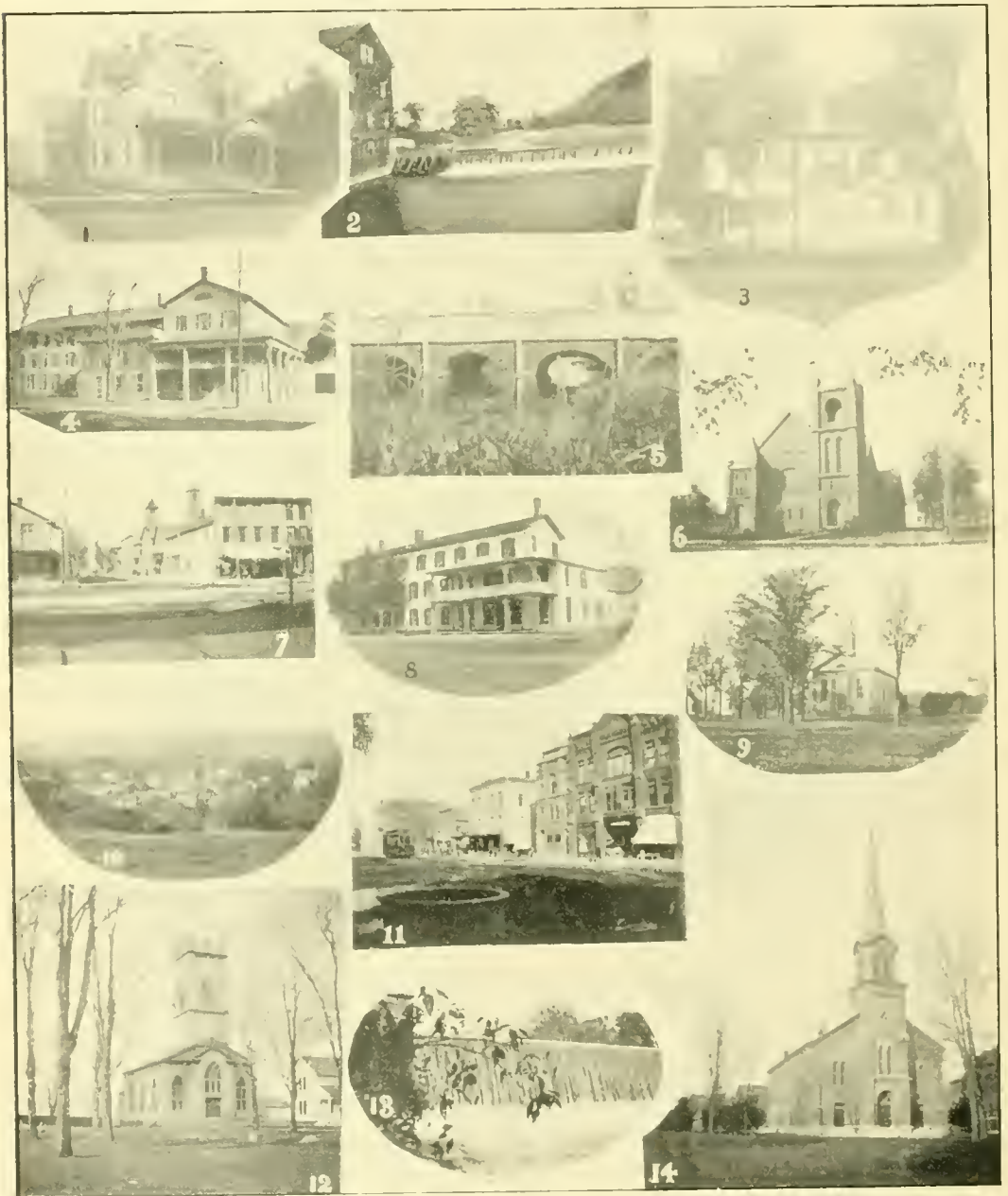
not space here to give the result in detail of their vigorous and intelligent work. The fact that at the charter election in which the question of city or no city charter was made the issue the friends of the measure won by an overwhelming majority, after a full discussion on the platform and in the newspapers, proves that the labors of these two gentlemen met with generous approval from the public.

Dr. Milne and Henry A. Dickinson then drafted a charter, counseled and advised by O. U. Kellogg, D. W. Van Hoesen, N. L. Miller and members of the different departments and organizations of the village.

On Feb. 15 the Board of Trustees (see portraits, page 79), voted a resolution recommending the enactment of this charter by the legislature.

On Feb. 16 a petition to the legislature for a charter was signed by all prominent manufacturers except two, both of whom were in Florida,

retary. Those who spoke in favor of the charter were O. U. Kellogg, D. W. Van Hoesen, E. A. Alger, N. L. Miller, H. A. Dickinson and James M. Milne. Those who opposed a charter without referendum, or for other reasons, were Rev. J. L. Robertson, A. J. Murray, Prof. E. C. Cleaves, Dr.



#### SCENES IN THE VILLAGE OF HOMER, N. Y.

1. Dr. Braman's Residence (Dr. Braman). 2. Old Mill (Mrs. R. E. Wilmarth). 3. Earliest Tavern, Samson House (Dr. Braman). 4. Sautelle House (Windsor Hotel). 5. Albany Street Bridge (Wilmarth). 6. Baptist Church. 7. James Street (Wilmarth). 8. Mansion House (Wilmarth). 9. Calvary Episcopal Church (Wilmarth). 10. Homer from Heberd's Hill (Wilmarth). 11. Main Street from the Green (Wilmarth). 12. Methodist Church (Wilmarth). 13. Lower Dam (Wilmarth). 14. Congregational Church (Wilmarth).

all of the bankers except one, and most all of the business men.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 24, a public meeting, called by the President of the village, was held at the Opera House. It was presided over by County Judge Joseph E. Eggleston, George J. Mager, sec-

F. W. Higgins, I. H. Palmer and B. T. Wright. The meeting closed with a division of the house overwhelmingly favorable to the charter.

It was endorsed by both the Republican and Democratic county and city organizations, and on Feb. 19 introduced in the Senate by Senator John-

son, and in the Assembly by Geo. S. Sands. Both sides were heard by the Senate and Assembly cities committee on Feb. 27, and the next day the bill was handed down in both houses with a favorable report.

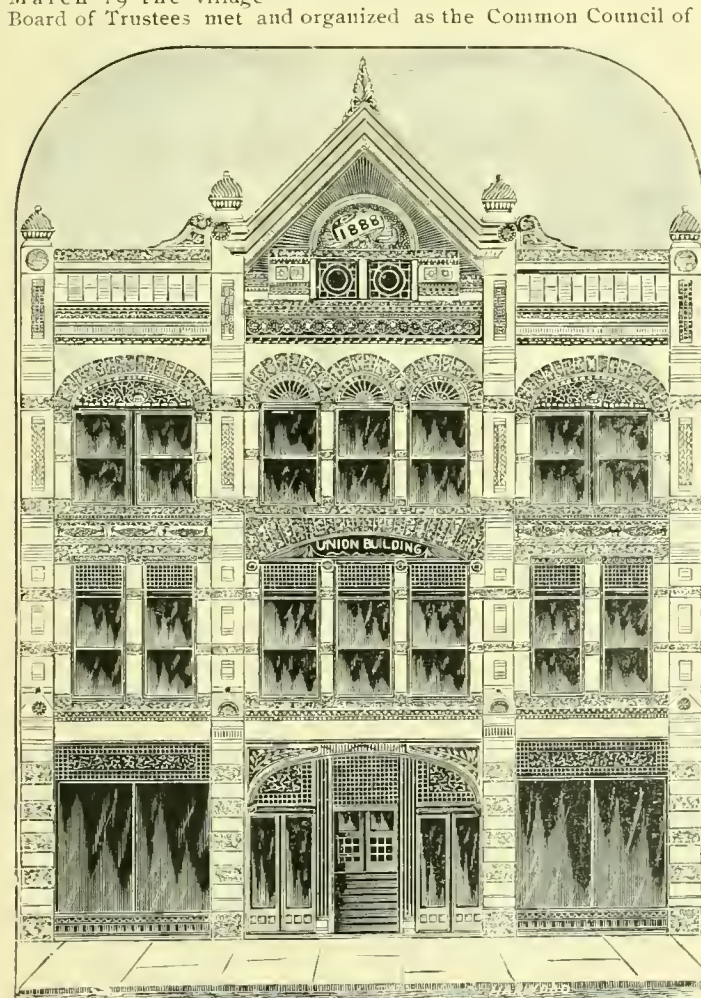
On March 8 the Assembly bill was passed in the lower house and substituted for the Senate bill in the upper, reaching the Governor the next day. The vote in the Assembly was 139 ayes, 0 noes, and in the Senate 47 ayes, 0 noes.

The Governor gave a hearing March 16, and the same day signed the bill, having held the question open until after the village charter election, which was held Tuesday, March 13, and which declared by a vote of nearly two to one for the charter.

On the evening of March 19 the village Board of Trustees met



Mrs. Wilmarth, Photo. THE OLD ALBANY POST ROAD.



and organized as the Common Council of the city, and at such meeting ap-

pointed two additional aldermen as required by the charter, thus completing the Common Council.

At a meeting March 22, the Mayor and Common Council appointed the officers for 1900 required in the act.

At the date of going to press the following are the elective and appointive city officers for 1900:

- Mayor—S. N. Holden.
- Ald., Ward 1—Edward Yager.
- Ald., Ward 2—C. F. Thompson.
- Ald., Ward 3—A. E. Buck.
- Ald., Ward 4—E. D. Wood.
- Ald., Ward 5—William G. McKinney.
- Ald., Ward 6—Vernon Skeele.
- City Clerk—Fred Hatch.
- City Chamberlain—George J. Maycumber.
- City Judge—R. L. Davis.
- City Attorneys—Kellogg & Van Hoesen.
- City Physician—E. A. Didama, M. D.
- City Assessor—Eugene W. Bates.
- Commissioner of Charities—J. R. Schermerhorn.
- Board of Public Works—Stratton S. Knox, President; Chester F. Wickwire, Hugh Duffey, Frank H. Cobb, Charles W. Collins.
- Board of Education—F. D. Smith, President; C. F. Brown, A. W. Edgcomb, G. J. Mager, W. J. Greenman, N. Jay Peck, Edward Keator, F. P. Hakes, M. H. Yale.
- Superintendent of Schools—F. E. Smith, Secretary of the Board.
- Board of Health—A. C. Walrad, President; D. C. Greenman, secretary; F. L. McDowell and Henry I. Relyea.



Bentley, Photo. SCENE ON TIOUGHNIOGA FROM PINE ST. BRIDGE, HOMER.

**The Pressman** on this Souvenir has shown capability, good judgment and rare qualifications as a pressman. The best half-tone work requires special facilities. Mr. H. G. Joy, Jr., 23 years of age, has had five years' experience, one year as the chief pressman, but this is his first job requiring so much skill. This work he produced on a Huber two-revolution, four-roller, double-inking press, than which no better press is made for fine job work. It is a credit to the young man, who gives promise of a flattering future in the art of high class productions.

**Farther Lights Society.**—The Farther Lights society of the First Baptist church was organized Aug. 12, 1898, by Miss Lizzie Hyatt of Boston, with a membership of four. Since that time it has steadily grown, until now it numbers 31 active members and one honorary member. It is a society for young ladies, and its object is for the support of women and children on the foreign fields. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Jesse Bosworth; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Bennett; secretary, Miss Harriet Robinson; treasurer, Miss Jessamine Ellsworth.

**Errata.**—In the sketch of L. M. Loope, on page 131, he is represented as a Democrat. He has always been one of the strongest of Prohibitionists, with no immediate prospect of a change in his politics.

**Ishkoot Council**, D. of P., was organized March 14, 1900. The officers: Poc, Mrs. Mary Gleason; Winona, Mrs. Mary Summers; Prophet, Alice Sheridan; Powhattan, Ernest Summers; K. of R., Margaret Hayes; K. of W., Ellen Summers; C. of W., Ellen Woods; 1st S., Anna Mellou; 2d S., Elizabeth O'Donnell; 1st R., Tessie Dwyer; 2d R., Mary Ready; G. of T., Miss B. Couch; G. of F., Maggie Garrity; 1st C., Miss E. Noonan; 2d C., Miss L. Dillon; 1st W., J. Kelly; 2d W., J. Summers; 3d W., J. Harriott; 4th W., G. Gleason.



HOMER, N. Y., GREEN, ACADEMIES AND CHURCHES.

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Homer Academy—Erected 1869. Burned Jan. 17, 1893.

Homer Green, 1870.  
Homer Academy—Erected 1893.

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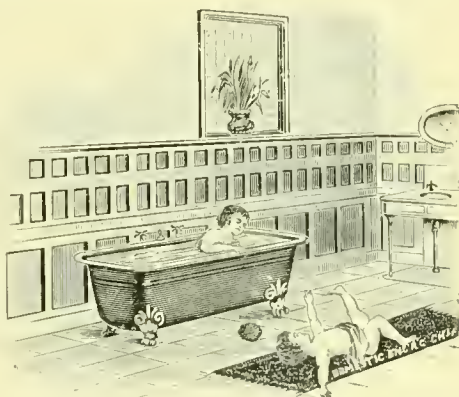
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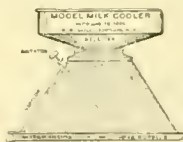
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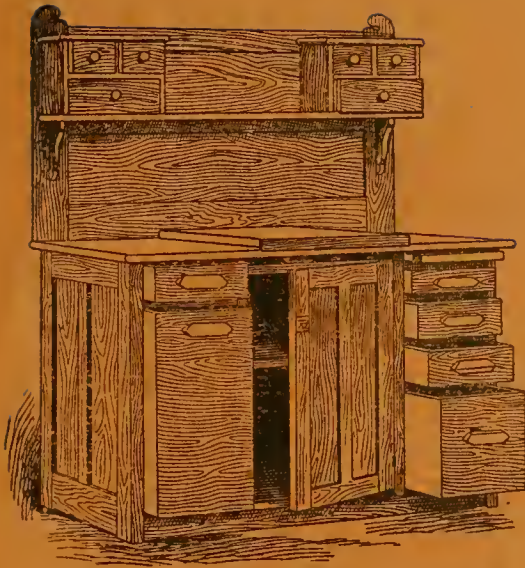
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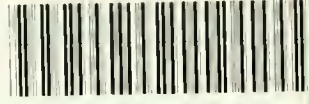
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